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M.L. ORIENTAL	8784	F. N. Tillard	7th Feb.
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M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	21st "
* EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	28th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7508	E. H. Gordon	7th March
* PENINSULAR	8294	T. Leigh	14th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	21st "
* MASSILIA	8011	G. W. Cockman	28th "
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* PENINSULAR	8294	T. Leigh	11th "
M.L. BRITANNIA	6026	F. H. Seymour	18th "
* MASSILIA	8011	G. W. Cockman	25th "
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a TIROL	K. Mecorzi	2,771	25th Feb. 3
TRIESTE	K. Mecorzi	5,095	18th Mar. 3
b AUSTRIA	", Colledani	6,000	26th Mar. 3

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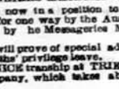

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
CALEDONIEN	4,232	Remes	4 Feb. 1903.
OCEANIEN	4,259	Guigues	5 Mar. 1903.
ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	3 Apr. 1903.
TONKIN	6,363	Schmitz	3 May 1903.

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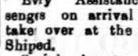

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T. J. STAGMAN
Ag. Administrator-General.

Administrator-General's Office, High Court, Bombay, 9th January, 1903.

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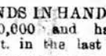

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3 per cent. Rentes	£100	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£107 1/2	= "
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 1/4	= "
SILVER—		
Spot in London	22	= — 1/16
2 months hence	22	= — 1/16
Spot in New York	47 3/4	= unchanged
EXCHANGES—		
Paris Cheques	25·13 1/2	= — 1/2
Berlin	20·47 1/2	= — 1/2
New York Demand	4·86 3/4	= — 1/8
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 pr ct	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills ...	3 5/8 pr ct	= "
6 " " " ...	3 1/2 pr ct	= "
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7/8 pr ct	= "
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 pr ct	= "
INTEREST—		
Day to-day loans	3 1/2 pr ct	= + 1/4
7 day market loans	3 1/2 pr ct	= + 1/4

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Rapeseed Yellow Gujerat 37. Feb.-March Business done. Tone firmer.

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Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.
4·69	4·69	4·69	4·70
+4	+4	+3	+3
May-June.	**June-July**	**July.-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**
4·71	4·71	4·70	4·63
+3	+3	+2	+2

Sept.-Oct. 4·66 =1

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Receipts at the Port	26,000 bales.
Do. last year	38,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ...	10,000 "
" Continent ...	17,000 "
Mid-Uplands	8·90 + 5
Futures, month of March.....	8·77 + 11
Do. do. July	8·81 + 10

In New Orleans—

Spot	8 5-8 + 1-8
Futures month of April.....	8 85 + 12
Do. July.....	9·03 + 14
Tone at close	firm.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Thursday, 15th January 1903:—

Cotton.....	18,128 bales.
Wheat.....	6,788 owts.
Linseed	2,116 "
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds ...	268 "
Gingellyseed	23,493 "
Poppyseed	274 "
Groundnuts	445 "
Castorseed	3,980 "
Rice	21,949 "
Myrabolams	5,052 "
Cottonseed	15,427 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

Receipts of cotton continue to pour into this market, but the off-take is on a much smaller scale, and stocks are increasing. The daily business reported at Colaba does not, of course, represent a fair proportion of the demand for the article, as a large percentage of the arrivals is never offered for sale in Bombay, both export houses and the local mills now buying freely in the up-country markets. But there has been a fair enquiry for Spot Cotton during the past week, which has been generally shared in by export houses to Europe and Japan and also by the mills. Prices remain steady and shipments are on the increase. This is especially the case to Europe, as is apparent from the statistics we publish this week. For Japan shipments show a very falling off, compared with last year, due to the large purchases for the Japan mills of Ghitisee cotton and also of the lower classes of American. However, a certain proportion of Surats is required there, and shipments will most probably increase shortly. The higher classes of Berars and Khandeish, which were obtainable earlier in the season, are now becoming more scarce and command a proportionately higher price, but the rains which have fallen lately have scarcely done so much damage as was originally anticipated. In contracts for forward delivery we hear of little business passing. There is an enquiry for Broach and Dharwar for export, but the present prices are too high and there is not much doing. The markets in Liverpool and America were slightly quieter during the early part of the week. To-day's quotations show a firmer tone, both for ready and forward deliveries. The Seeds market is have been quiet but steady during the week under review. Linseed was steady at about Rs. 8-7 to Rs. 8-8 for ready, and new crop April-May delivery has improved to Rs. 8, with little enquiry from shippers. A few lots of new crop have already come in. Rapeseed is also steady with some demand for January-February delivery, and the price has firmed up towards the close of the week. There is little doing in new crops, rates for which are nominally unaltered. Poppyseed is steady, and while stocks of old crops are exhausted, the quotation for new crop, April-May delivery, has improved to Rs. 7-12. Castorseed is unchanged for ready and forward. Groundnuts market is firm, and the rate has advanced to Rs. 37 for ready. In Gingellyseed a good business has been done, and rates are slightly higher notwithstanding large arrivals. Maize is firmer especially to yellow which is now quoted Rs. 20. Cottonseed is firm at Rs. 16.

The Freight Market was quiet in the early part of the week, but is steadier towards the close. There has been a fair enquiry for Cotton for various ports for ready shipment daily, but to Seeds there was little doing. Some bookings were reported for Antwerp, Dunkirk, Hull, and Hamburg at 12s 6d to 13s. 9d, January and at 13s. 9d. for picked ports February. The open quotation is 13s. 9d. January to May, but we hear of no business for March to May shipment. With the regular liners there is little or nothing doing, their previous bookings being sufficient for the present. One steamer is reported fixed here at 13s. 6d. one port, January loading, and one steamer fixed at home at 13s. 6d. nett, February-March loading.

The following changes appear in the Bank of Bombay statement, dated 10th January, compared with the previous week:—

ASSETS.		
Public Deposits	Rs. 1,75,938	Increase
Other Deposits	41,40,449	Decrease
Credits Undrawn	1,18,258	Decrease
LIABILITIES.		
Government Securities ...	16,09,241	Decrease
Other Authorized Securities	Unchanged	
Credits on Securities... ...	2,56,386	Increase
Loans do.	1,04,512	Increase
Bills discounted & purchased	3,24,873	Increase
Balance with other Banks ...	91,765	Increase
Cash	32,51 295	Decrease

These figures show an increase of 43 1-2 lakhs in the trade demand. The Bank of Bengal statement, dated the 13th instant, shows the following changes compared with the previous week:—

Public Demand	32 lakhs	Increase
Cash Head Office	24 ...	Decrease
Do. Branches ...	1 ...	Decrease
Government Deposits ...	1 1-4 ...	Increase
Bank's Investments	4 ...	Decrease

The Bank of Madras weekly statement shows an increase of 13 lakhs in the cash balance. All the three Presidency Banks have this week raised the Bank rate to 6 per cent. per annum. The Money Market can scarcely be described as firm, as supplies are still ample for all calls of the trade, but, as is customary at this season of the year, there is a good enquiry from up-country in India, and funds are also being withdrawn to Burmah for the rice crops. Money is still being imported in large quantities from various directions. There is £750,000 afloat in gold for India from Australia. The weekly balance of Councils from now to the end of the official year is 50 lakhs, but we have 80 lakhs offered to the public, due to the large inquiry for this form of finance and the high rate of exchange current at present. In addition to this there are heavy imports of Bar Silver, which is moving off freely up-country. With all this money pouring into India it seems almost impossible that we shall experience any great stringency in the market this season. However, we have had a rise of 1 per cent. in the Bank rates this week, and short fixed deposits are now quoted at 5 per cent. per annum for two months. In the corresponding week of last year the Bank rate was raised to 7 per cent.

The mail of the 2nd January brings £100,000 silver and £20,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	31,10,000
Bombay	"	22,30,000
Madras	"	6 60,000
	Rs.	60,00,000

The mail of the 9th January brings £170,000 silver and £30,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	35,90,000
Bombay	"	26,40,000
Madras	"	10,40,000
	Rs.	72,70,000

The mail of the 16th January brings £200,000 silver and £50,000 gold and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	22,10,000
Bombay	"	19,30,000
Madras	"	10,000
	Rs.	41,80,000

During the early part of the week extra Council Bills to the extent of Rs. 7,30,000 were allotted at 1s. 4 1-16d. At the weekly allotment on Wednesday 34 1-2 lakhs of Bills were taken up at 1s. 4 1-16d. and the balance amounting to 35 1-2 lakhs in Telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 3-32d. This is the first allotment of Telegraphic Transfers taken for many months. For next week the amount for allotment has again been raised 10 lakhs to 80 lakhs. The tenderers both for Bills and Telegraphic Transfers received 9 per cent.

The Sterling Exchange Market was firm throughout the week, and we close with an advance of fully one-thirty second in Bank Paper. Early in the week 1s. 4 3-32d. was done for Bank Demand in one or two quarters, and we close with the rate quoted by all Banks. Towards the latter part. Bank Telegraphic Transfers was also given at 1s. 4 3-32d., and a fair amount was taken up by houses for January and February delivery at this rate, though it has not been clearly quoted, and is not obtainable to-day. It is reported that private wire was placed at 1s. 4 3-32d. and private demand at 1s. 4 1-8d. for the mail, but these rates are doubtful at the close. In Mercantile Paper 3 months' sight D A credits have been placed daily at 1s. 4 9-32d. for January and February, but we have not heard of any large amount of Bills coming out during the week. At the close the general quotation is 1s.4 5-16d. for one month's delivery, but 1s.4 9-32d. is still available. For forward delivery the quotations are much the same as stated in our last report, but the concessions then obtainable could not be repeated now. With the hardening in Sterling Exchange, quotations for Japan have receded slightly, and 101 1-2 to 151 is now quoted for 30 days' sight, January delivery. China Exchange also declined with the fall in silver The 3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Paper market has been quiet throughout the week and rates gave way about three annas below last mail's closing quotations. As usual at the present time of the year, the outside public are not largely interested in this market, and business is generally confined to the professional operators. A fair amount of option contracts have been put through, but we hear of little Bank business. The rise in the Bank rate on Thursday had no effect as it had already been discounted. The general tone is quiet but steady, and we look for no violent fluctuations either way for the next few weeks. When the time for the Budget draws near the general idea is that higher rates will be in force, as no new loan for this year is anticipated.

There has been a fair inquiry lately for the local Municipal Bonds, at or about our quotations, as given below, and they are, apparently, now regaining in public favour.

	Repayable,	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	101
4 per cent " "	1930	101 3-4
4 per cent " "	1932	102
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1923	99
4 per cent " "	1940	100
5 per cent " "	Tanas	114 1-2
5 per cent " "	Sanitary	113
4 per cent Bo. Improvement Trust...	1999	100 1-2
4 per cent " "	1962	102

Prices of Bullion:—

English Bar Silver, ex duty, ready		56-0-0
Do. do	1st Settlement	55-14-0
Do. do	2nd do.	55-8-
English Bar Gold, ready		24-1-3

The Silver Market is quiet and there is little fresh business passing during the past week. The offtake for up-country continues on a moderate scale daily. The dispute about China indemnity payment has at present eased the price of the white metal. The local bazar would not buy it freely till London and American rates begin to advance. The gold absorbtion by the bazar is very limited. The large shipments from Australia are per tender to the mint authorities. The demand for shield sovereigns is very slack, and the bazar row gets the dragoon sovereigns from the Currency Office. The Banks do not import them for payment by the bazar.

There is a fair improvement to report in the Piece Goods Market this week. Both for Grays and whites there has been a good demand from up-country and clearances are on a fair scale. Prices, however, remain the same, and this precludes buyers from operating for forward business at Manchester prices, which have materially advanced during the past few weeks. However, there is a decidedly better feeling in the market and the outlook is brighter. The local Yarn Market is firm with a good enquiry at slightly lower rates than the mills are prepared to sell at. Some business is reported in the bazaar which would have been materially increased at some reduction in prices.

In the Metal markets Copper and Yellow Metal are dull, with next to no business reported. Offers from home are for distant shipments and are not suitable to buyers. Iron is also quiet, with no demand except for Galvanized Corrugated Sheets at £11-15 c. i. f. In Spelter the market is very steady with a good enquiry for ready delivery. Stocks are low and fair business has been put through for shipment. Quicksilver is also steady with some business passing. Piglead is very dull.

The Coal Market is quiet. A forced sale of Scotch is reported at Rs. 11-4, and a little Jardine's Navigation has been sold at Rs. 11, for forward delivery and of Deshargar at Rs. 11-6 ready and forward.

The Share market keeps steady, Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at Rs. 280 to Rs. 1,282-8. Commercials have improved to Rs. 60. In Railway Companies Tapties are quiet at Rs. 432 8 and Ahmedabad Prantej unchanged at Rs. 557-8. In mill shares, Manekjee Petits have ruled at and about Rs. 1,790 during the week and close at Rs. 1,780 Centrals have changed hands at Rs. 1,600 and Swadeshis at Rs. 930. Currimbhais, are unchanged at Rs. 550, Davids at Rs. 235 and Chinas Rs. 460 Standards have improved to Rs. 280. Kohinoors are quiet at Rs. 275. Colaba Land and Mill shares have improved to Rs. 400 Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Co. Nill shares are all unchanged at previous quotations. Morarjees and Shalapurs are steady at Rs. 1,600 and Rs. 1,700 respectively. In Press shares Mofussils have changed hands at Rs. 455. Indians have improved to Rs. 1614. Berars are steady at Rs. 565 and Volkarts at Rs. 1,010 Harvey and Sabapathy have changed hands at Rs. 575 In miscellaneous list Bombay Burmahs have declined to Rs. 6,400 cum div. and quarters shares have changed hands at Rs. 1625, cum. div. Port Canvings at Rs. 422-8 and Tractors at Rs. 590 Kemps are quiet at Rs. 245 and Telephones at Rs. 23-12. The rest of the companies are all quiter and unchanged at previous quotations.

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EXCHANGE—

Bank T. T.....	1s. 4 1-16d.	
Bank Demand	1s. 4 3-32d.	
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D, A ...	1s. 4 5 16d.	
	to 1s. 4 9-32p	
Do 6 do do	1s 4 7-16d	
	to 1s. 4 13-32d.	
French Francs 3 do do	170-3-4	
Marks 3 do do	139	
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight.	116	
Shanghai 30 " "	160	
Japan 30 " "	152 1-2	

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone quiet.

Cash	Rs.	97 5
1st Settlement	Rs.	97 5
Money Market, Tone.—steady.		

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October		4 per cent.	
Bank of Bombay do. 15th January		6	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 15th do.		6	do.
Bank of Madras do. 13th do.		6	do.

SEEDS,

Linseed.—Tone steady.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.
Ready ...	... 8	6		
Forward April-May ...	8	0		
Rapeseed.—Tone firm.				
Brown Cawnpore Ready	... 5	9	to 5	10
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	... 5	14		
Do. Gujarat Forward April-May	... 6	7		
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.				
Ready ...	... 8	5		
Forward April-May	... 7	12		
Castorseed—Tone steady.				
Ready	... 23	8		
Forward April-May.	... 24	4		
Groundnuts—Tone steady.				
Ready ...	... 37	0		
Gingellyseed.—Tone firm.				
Howree Khandesh Ready	... 38	0		
15 per cent. Mixd. "	... 36	13		
20 " " "	... 35	8		
50 " " "	... 34	8		
Black Kutnee " "	... 33	0		

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone.....	Firm.
Estimated sales	10,000
Total imports	10,000

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	March-April.	Apl.-May
4·74	4·74	4·74	4·75
+5	+5	+5	+5
May-June.	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**	**Aug.-Sept.**
4·76	4·76	4·75	4·68
+5	+5	+5	+5

Sep.-Oct 4 51 +5

Cotton.—Tone steady.

COTTON STATISTICS, (Bales.)

Receipts for the week	91,892
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 14th Jan.	534,130

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THE steamer Afghanistan, 1,760 tons, Captain J Hudson, will sail to-day, for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with the same bottom cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Nevasa, 1,945 tons, Captain J M Tyrrell, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Durban, with a cargo of 3 cases specie.

THE steamer Shahristan, 1,86) tons, Captain G W Tinsle, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Cardiff, 22nd November, via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE B and P S N Co's steamer King Arthur, 1,047 tons Captain A Banel, sailed yesterday, for Persian Gulf, with a general cargo, and 56 deck passengers.

THE steamer Terrier, 1,068 tons, Captain L Brunni, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening, from Bangkok, 29th December, with a cargo of timber and Captain Kaunfard as a passenger.

THE City Line steamer City of Khios, 2,223 tons, Captain E Halley, will sail to-day, for Karachi, with the same bottom cargo, and the following passengers:—Captain Cousin, Mrs Nogan, Mr Juggonnath S Souzari, and Mr D M Souzari.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Chindwara, 1,562 tons, Captain J MacLean, which arrived in harbour on Thursday evening, from the Persian Gulf ports, brought a general cargo, 345 cases opium, 23 horses, and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Duke, Miss P Jones, Mr Jones, Mr Festonjee, Mrs Patel, Captain Sargent, Miss Abbott, Mr Ichikawa, Mr Doi, and 157 deck.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 16.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Aliafar Schr	65	Nacoda			H S Eldick
Mandilla	2744	Cockman			P & O Co
Safari	1433	Tepe			A Strandes
Parramatta	2554	Fox			P & O Co
Perubo	998	Whitehead			M M & Co
Baron Fairlie	2223	Goudey			K N & Co
Xenia	3031	Obaling			W & A G & Co
Kirkfield	2290	Watson			
Belford		Metcalfe			H Monteheff
Dean	968	Hamilton			E Latham & Co
Kistna	524	Brownran			M M & Co
Elise	1703	Serenwandt			R Bomanji
Carthage	2-93	Jephson			P & O Co
Vulcan	2357	Carver			W & A G & Co
Kilva	1553	Hirst			M M & Co
Bengal	2741	Valentine			P & O Co
Okara	3439	Stone			M M & Co
Fultala	2202	Lobb			M M & Co
Beatrice	2199	Randall			Captain
Clan Cumming	3108	Miller			F M & Co
Shiraz	3303	Hartley	Calcutta		M M & Co
Melbourne	2432	Ross			Standard Oil Co
Gaikwar	2737	Legge			T M & Co
Ellora	1494	Forbes			M M & Co
Chindwara	1562	MacLean			M M & Co
Terrier	1068	Brunni			R Stuart & Co
Nevassa	1945	Tyrrell			M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Clan Macdonald	3113	Harrison	Dunkirk	16-1	F M & Co
B	Eiffel Tower	2068	Case	Teriente	2-1	F Muir & Co
C&R	Darius	2129	Miller	Australia	2-1	R S & Co
D&E	Urbana	3344	Allen	Stream	30-	M M & Co
F	Lyndaler	991	Waring	Antwerp	2-1	K N & Co
G	Khalif	1015	Kapolstaller	Zanzibar	3-2	A Strandes
H&J	M Tozzila	2147	Schlossman	Havre	24-1	F M &Co
K	Lord Kelvin	2232	Steel	Hull	26-	M M & Co
L	Nassri	912	Lorne	R S Ports	26-1	B & P S N Co
M	Hallart	1260	Hill	Jeddah	26-1	B & P S N Co
O	Arara	2481	Williamson	Rotterdam	21-1	R A Willis
P	Duke of York	1171	Lane	Fleetwood	12-1	R A Willis
Q	Ott rajool	1850	Turn r	Hull		24-1 T M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Ponadi	153	Mohmed	Bhownagar	17-1	Shed's & Co
Sabar	41	E Rahim	Karachi	17-1	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Nubia	2219	Knox	Liverpo l	22-1	W & A G & Co
4	Capri	2737	Belsio	China	1-1	F R S N Co
5	Nerbudda	1961	Fry	Zanzibar	19-1	M M & Co
6	Oriental	3 85	Tr rd	Aden	1-1	P & O Co
8	Tottenham	2913	Peters	Genoa	17-1	W & A G & Co
9	Ravenholm	1813	Bremme	Karachi	24-1	Gisele & Co
10&11	Cy of Khios	2283	Halley	Karachi	17-1	K N & Co
12	Clan Urquhart	5856	McPherson	Marseilles	17-1	F M &Co
15	Afghanistan	1750	Hudson	P. Gulf	17-1	K L & Co
16	Shahristan	1870	Finnie			E L & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander	From
15	Terrier s	Brunni	Bangkok, Dec 29
16	Shahristan s	Finnis	Cardiff, Nov 22
	Nevassa s	Tyrell	Durban

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Simla s	Soutor	Jeddah
	Clag Arthur s	Bonel	Persian Gulf

The following vessels obtained their port-clearances yesterday:—

Steamer City of Khios, Halley, for Karachi.
" Capri, Belsio, for Hongkong.
" Afghanistan, Hudson, for Persian Gulf.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Nevasa, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Fultala, for Calcutta, &c.
" Chindwara, for Persian Gulf.
" Terrier, for Bangkok.
" Arabia, for London, &c.
" Shahristan, for Dunsirk and Antwerp.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

(STEAMER MOVEMENTS.)

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Sinclair arrived here this morning.

NAPLES, JANUARY 15.

The B. I. S. N. Co's s. s Manora left (Calcutta boats) this afternoon.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Valetta is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at 2 p.m., on Sunday next.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JANUARY 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Nubia s—3 bales cotton, Ritchie Stuart and Co; 60 bales wool, W and A Graham and Co; 42 bales wool, M J Jumabhoy and Co; 115 bales wool, Forbes Forbes and Co; 31 bales wool, Moorarjee Ruttonsee.

FOR LONDON.

Arabia s—1630 cwts Joowar, A S Jamal Bro and Co; 12 bales hides, P Eduljee Boyce; 20 cwts Indian condiments, H Muncherjee and Sons; 50 bales hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co; 10 bales skins, and 56 cwts flevidevaseeds W and A Graham and Co; 1776 cwts myrabollams, David Sassoon and Co; 300 cwts hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co; 120 cwts gillmins, S Bhimjee.

FOR HULL.

Lord Kelvin s—702 cwts cottonseed, NanseeKhairaz and Co; 500 cwts cottonseed, Wazil Becher; 2600 cwts cottonseed, and 4000 cwts maize, E D Sassoon and Co; 7500 cwts cottonseed, Gaddum and Co; 750 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

Otterspool s—4000 cwts cottonseed, Killick Nixon and Co; 4000 cwts cottonseed, G Mathowjee; 1050 cwts myrabollams, Waghjee Becher; 2002 cwts cottonseed, V Veljee.

FOR A NTWERP.

Lynaldes s—440 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers; 2001 cwts rapeseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 275 bales cotton and 735 cwts gingellyseed, 2500 cwts maize, Forbes Forbes and Co; 3 bales cotton, Ritchie Stuart and Co; 200 bales cotton and waste, F. Hirjee and Co; 16 bales hemp, Tyabjee and Co.

Clan Cumming s—690 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 1993 cwts gingellyseed, Forbes Forbes and Co; 2000 cwts castorseed, Italian Colonial Trading Co.

FOR GENOA.

Tottenham s—8 bales cotton, The Bombay Co; 190 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Eiffel Tower s—533 cwt myrabollams, Waghjee Becher.

FOR DUNKIRK

Shahristan s—1,000 cwt nigerseed, A Hasscheck and Co; 1,000 cwt maize, Waghjee Becher.

Clan Macdonald s—335 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Bengal s—942 bales twist, E Noordin and Co; 1,002 bales twist Tata and Co; 304 bales twist, Talati and Co; 90 bales twist, Killick Nixon and Co; 1,950 bales twist, Sassoon J David and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Tugela s—255 bales cotton, Prior de Saone and Co; 100 cwt gum, P Jethabhoy; 1,160 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

Shahristan s—1,000 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co; 1,701 cwt nigerseed, A Hasscheck and Co; 7,200 cwt cottonseed, Nanjee Khairaz and Co; 2,000 cwt maize, Killick Nixon and Co.

Clan Macdonald s—330 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 110 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 1,887 cwt gingellyseed and 1,050 cwt poppyseed, E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Clan Urquhart s—20 bales hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co. Nubia s—1,097 cwt myrabollams, J Hurchund; 320 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR BARCELONA.

Nubia s—150 bales cotton, The Bombay Co; 900 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Eiffel Tower s—1,600 cwt myrabollams, Waghjee Becher.

FOR VENICE.

Eiffel Tower s—2,000 cwt castorseed Frost and Co.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL E. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 17th January.

1. The Range will be reserved for Class Firing for all Members of the Corps this afternoon the 17th instant, from 1-30 p.m. The Commandant hopes that all members who have not yet completed their Class Firing will take advantage of this opportunity.

Attention is called to the list of Prizes for Class Firing notified in Regimental Order No. 5 of 8th instant.

2. The Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Cooria from the 2nd to 7th February, 1903, both days inclusive. Prospectus of the Meeting can be obtained at Head-quarters. Entries should be made as early as possible to the Sergt-Major at Head-quarters.

3. Leave of absence has been granted to No. 4214 Corpl. B E Miller, F Company, from the 16th January to the 31st March 1903.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 17th January.

INSPECTION OF THE CORPS BY THE BRIGADIER GENERAL, R. A.

The Brigadier General, R. A. will Inspect the Corps to-day the 17th instant at practice from the 10-inch R M L and 6-inch B L Guns at Colaba, North Fort. The Officer Commanding requests that Members will make a special effort to attend this Inspection.

In connection with the above the Corps will parade at the Corps Orderly Room, at 4 p.m. Members who cannot parade at the Club are requested to proceed direct to Colaba Drogs.—Drill order without arms, putties to be worn.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903.

AMERICA VERSUS LANCASHIRE.

THE members of the Moseley Commission, who went to the United States to spy out the land wherein the cotton industry flourishes, have now returned to Lancashire. They are firmly persuaded that America has very little to teach them, while, were it not for prohibitive tariffs, they could teach the States much. Furthermore they have found that the Lancashire operative has very little to grumble at. All things considered he is better off than his rival in America, and the man who would throw over a good appointment in England and go out in search of a fortune on the other side of the Atlantic is not wholly wise. Mr. Wilkinson, the General Secretary of the Northern Counties Weavers' Association, who was one of the Moseley Commission, has, at some length, given a Manchester contemporary his views in anticipation of the official report of the Commission. That delegate has not a very high opinion of the Northrop loom. He examined it in every possible stage and saw it at work, and came to the conclusion that Lancashire has very little to fear from its use in America. It will do the work for a plain weave, with good material and with slower speeds, he says, but it cannot do the work of a Lancashire loom with the kind of material usually supplied to such a loom. It is not possible to put up the speed of a Northrop loom, as experiment has shown that with higher speeds the work is not so good and the continuity of action which is the feature of the loom is interfered with, besides which the pressure upon the attention of the operative would become so great that he would perforce have to relinquish some of his looms. They have other inventions, however, in America which commanded the attention of the Commission. They found eight machines for drawing in use at one place, machines which do the work of a "reacher" and "drawer-in" drawing the warp with one motion through reed and heald alike. The Northrop is clearly not the last word on inventions for the perfection of weaving, and Mr. Wilkinson assured his interviewer that neither it nor any other automatic weaving machine has as yet been perfected sufficiently to deal with the Lancashire trade or the kind of material used there. The whole problem he regards as still unsolved even in America itself, and only time and careful calculation can show in which proportion and to what extent the automatic loom can be used solely or in connection with existing machines in Lancashire mills.

With regard to the conditions of labour, the opinion formed by Mr. Wilkinson is that the employers exert little if any pressure on the employers. Nearly all wages are paid by the piece, but beyond the natural incentive to earn as much as one can there is little or no evidence of driving. The position of the weaver of the States as compared with that of his brother in Lancashire is in no way superior. A single young man, may, Mr. Wilkinson thinks, earn much more money, and be generally a more prosperous person than in England. But the married man with a family is worse off. Wages are higher. But what of that? Rent, rates, clothes, coal, and every commodity are heavier items of expenditure than in England. Instead of every man having a little home of his own as in England, he lives in tenements or flats in the States, and has to pay from ten to fifteen dollars a month for three or four rooms. Coal is exceedingly dear, as much as six and a half dollars being charged for a ton. On the other hand, if a man can keep his family until they are old enough to work there is always work for them in the mills at a good wage. Speaking of work by children, Mr. Wilkinson said the limit age for labour is 14 years in the Northern States, but no person under 21, English speaking or foreigner, may be employed in the mills who is unable to read and write English unless he attends school in the evening and puts in 74 per cent. of attendances till such time as he acquires the necessary proficiency. Alike in the mills and the houses and cottages they inhabit, Mr. Wilkinson thinks the Americans maintain too a high temperature, and they then fly to iced water which is the common drink; and the result is that they are worn out much sooner than English operatives. Mr. Wilkinson seems to think that iced water drinking is the cause of this. But that assumption can scarcely be correct. Everybody in America "hands in his cheeks" sooner than in England. The constant work at high pressure is responsible. And as Mr. Wilkinson himself shows three hours of work are cruel. In the Northern States the weaver goes to work at half-past six in the morning and works straight on till twelve, has an hour for dinner, and resumes till six. An English artificer would starve to death before he would work such hours. An old hymn asks "Are there not in the labourer's day, Twelve hours in which he safely may, his calling's work pursue?" But times are altered since that was written and the British workman thinks eight hours more than enough.

In the Southern States matters are somewhat different. A man cannot calculate his earnings. He works seventy-six hours a week as compared with the Lancashire men's fifty-four. Instead of the coloured man bringing down wages he positively refuses to do serious work. He seeks employment about the grounds occasionally, but resolutely declines to settle down to what he regards as the monotonous life of a weaver. Strenuous endeavours have been made to bring up the regulations of the Southern States with regard to the employment of children to something like an equality with those which obtain in the North. An endeavour has already been made to carry an amending law in the Senate, the result being that the Bill was only defeated by nine votes. A fresh endeavour is to be made in the next six months to unify the law upon the matter as it is felt in the North as well as in Lancashire that the indiscriminate adoption of child labour in the South is a distinct menace to the trade. Nevertheless, the net result of Mr. Wilkinson's study of the American cotton industry is his conviction that the man who will get the trade in the future is the man who got it in the past, the man who will put the goods on the counter at the cheapest price, and if the American cotton industry were not protected Lancashire could not only hold her own in foreign markets, as she does, but could take her manufactures to America and rival the American on his own ground. This notwithstanding that everything is done over there in the way of technical education. Mr. Ashton, the President of the Amalgamated Association of Operative Cotton Spinners, though differing from Mr. Wilkinson in some of his conclusions, agrees with him in the opinion that for the present, at all events, Lancashire has nothing to fear from the American cotton spinning mills, and that the States cannot compete with Lancashire in the export of yarn. Compared with some of the States, Lancashire is forty or fifty years ahead. Nevertheless, it remains a fact that the Lancashire cotton trade last year was less satisfactory than for several preceding years. Spinning, we are told, was fairly good at the opening of the year, but in the middle of the year there was a marked decline. Still, towards the close of the year the aspect had become normal. During the twelve months, however, there was an unusually large number of strikes, card-room disputes being most frequent. The differences have taxed the financial resources of the Master Cotton Spinners Federation and proved a burden on the Trades Unions. At the same time it appears that the Union funds are wealthier to-day than at any previous period of their existence. In America, Masters have less to contend against in the way of combinations on the part of the men, and it is shown that although in Massachussets the number of weavers is very large, owing to the fact that they belong to seven different nationalities, considerable racial jealousy exists, the consequence being that only 40 per cent. of the weavers are enrolled in the Weavers' Association. Of mule spinners there are only 550, all of whom are members of the Spinners' Association. But the proportion of associated weavers in the Association is really insignificant. Altogether the reports brought by the Commissioners are satisfactory, for in these days when we hear so much of the American invasion and American manufacturing supremacy, it is pleasant to find that after all there is a good deal of the spread-eagle in the boast. All the same, the Commissioners will, we believe, point out to the Lancashire spinner or weaver that although he has no immediate cause of alarm it will be good to keep his eyes open lest the American steal a march on him when he least expects it.

THE BUILDING OF BRITISH WARSHIPS.

In an article in the "Standard" Sir William Clowes shows that Britain's superiority on the sea is by no means all that it seems, even when one takes into consideration tonnage and weight of metal. He points out that recently we have built much larger ships than the majority of the other naval nations, but that hitherto we have derived no advantage from having done so. Larger ships are now costly and are easier to hit than smaller ones, and only when they are actually faster and relatively, as well as actually, better gunned than the smaller ones are they desirable. He makes some comparisons which are really startling. Take the case first of all of the battleship of the Canopus class. This ship has a displacement of 12,950 tons, a speed of 18·2 knots, a weight in pounds per ton of double broadside of ·353, and an actual double broadside in lbs. of 4,600. The Italian Regina Elena in tonnage is almost identical in size with this boat. She has a displacement of 12,625 tons, but a speed of 22 knots, a double broad side in lbs. per ton of ·350, and an actual double broadside of 4,420 lbs. It will thus be seen that the comparison is all in favour of the Italian ship. The Canopus can throw a few pounds more, but her speed is four knots less. Take another instance—that of the King Edward the Seventh. She has a displacement of 16,350, a speed of 18·5 knots, a broadside in pounds per ton of ·362, and she can throw a double broadside of 5,920 lbs. The American "New Jersey," also a new boat, and one which approaches her most nearly in tonnage, has a displacement of 15,000 tons, she can steam 19 knots, she throws 440 lbs. for every ton of displacement, and her actual double broadside is 6,600. These figures certainly seem to show that for fighting purposes the American boat is in every respect more efficient than the British. It has to be remembered that in both these cases a whole range of British battleships is represented. Sir William Clowes maintains that all our newest and most costly ships are neither fast enough nor are they sufficiently gunned. This does not hold in the case of the newest armoured cruisers. They, as a rule, are fast enough to compete at a pinch with corresponding vessels of other powers, but they are altogether deficient in the matter of gun-power. The Duke of Edinburgh, for instance, has a displacement of 13,500 tons, a speed of 22·5 knots, a double broadside in lbs. per ton of ·242, and an actual double broadside in pounds of 3,280. The American ship California has a displacement which is almost identical, namely 13,400 tons. She cannot steam beyond 22 knots, but she throws infinitely more in her double broadside. Sir William Clowes thinks that every new British armoured cruiser of 13,000 tons displacement should be able to throw at least 300 lbs. of metal per ton while the present superiority of speed should not be surrendered. Sir William makes comparisons to show that there is a tendency to inferiority throughout the whole of the fleet, and he concludes by stating that we have derived no benefit lately from the large ships we have built. It is mere wastefulness to build gigantic warships which in their most important offensive qualities are either absolutely or relatively inferior in a glaring degree to foreign vessels.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

THE situation in China is one of considerable interest, for if the correspondent of a home journal may be believed, it indicates that the Dowager-Empress is less astute than a great many people have imagined. That the Imperial lady lacked foresight, or was ill-advised, her reliance upon the Boxers during the disorders of 1900 clearly proved, but the lessons of that period do not seem to have inculcated wisdom. There has been a change not of policy but of tools; and the new instruments threaten to be a danger rather than a safeguard to the dynasty. Open opposition to the foreigner is no longer the order, but the Empress's tea parties do not deceive every body. The Boxers proved unreliable, and now there are schemes of army reorganisation in which the Manchus are playing the most important part. The chief adviser of the Dowager is now the Manchu statesman Yung Lu who is said to have secured the favour and confidence of the Empress Dowager to an extent unshared by any but the famous Eunuch Li. "Boxers are no use and we do not forget" are reported to be words he has made use of, and it is undoubtedly on his suggestion that Manchu troops, who have hitherto been left in idleness, are now being drilled into efficiency. Recruiting is at the same time going on extensively, while Manchu officials have been told to look to themselves and secure the effectiveness of their forces. The ruling dynasty itself is Manchu, and while the Dowager is seeking to buttress the throne by the support of the Tartar race which is hateful to the mass of the Chinese she is urged to limit the power of the great Viceroys and Governors. Yung Lu bearing in mind the attitude of the Yangtse Viceroys, who declined to obey the Imperial orders in 1900, has put forward that fact as a reason for taking the military power out of the hands of the Viceroys and placing the troops under a special officer and the Tartar Generals. The unwisdom of this policy is apparent to all who know anything of China. To the Chinese the Manchu rule has been bearable because the Tartars since their conquest of the country have as a race fallen back into a condition of apathy. But if they are to be restored to prominence, and the yoke of the conqueror to be made more oppressive the dynasty may not have long to last. At present Southern China is in a state of great unrest. In spite of official accounts to the contrary the rebellion in Kwangtung and other provinces is spreading, and like the great Taiping revolt it is a popular movement, directed not against foreigners but the rulers. It will be a curious irony of history if out of the bold move of the Empress-Dowager to consolidate the power of the throne should spring the force to destroy the Manchu rule and China's independence. China has, however, been so often threatened with a break up that has not yet occurred that it is unsafe to prophecy any speedy disintegration of the Empire.

THE KOLIS OF DANDA.

MR. S. M. EDWARDES, I.C.S., who compiled the Bombay Census Report and wrote so attractively of the history of the island, contributes a paper to the current number of Mr. Malabari's magazine on the Kolis of Danda. Danda is the village which is just northward of the golf-links at Bandora, and of its inhabitants Mr. Edwardes assures us that none of the local divisions of Kolis have so jealously guarded their prehistoric beliefs, or, while borrowing new ideas from later immigrants, have yet held themselves so aloof from change. Though produce of Scotch distilleries finds as much favour with many Danda residents as the liquor of the country, and the portraits of European music-hall celebrities hang on the walls of their cottages alongside reproductions of the creations of Ravi Varma's brush, they are, like their ancestors, pure and simple Kolis. They have conserved their old time physique—the strong lithe frame, the powerful shoulder and arm, their hereditary occupation of deep sea fishing, and have never through all their long history yielded in the smallest degree to the proselytising zeal of Christian immigrants. Their forefathers are said to have fled from some remote hamlet in order to escape conversion by the Portuguese priests, and it is a boast among them that none but a true Koli has ever been allowed lengthy residence within the limits of the village. The only exception is that of the Brahmin family, which holds the hereditary right of performing their ceremonies and administering drugs to them in the hour of sickness. No Konkanasth, Shenvi, Saraswat, Chipavan, or Audich will do for them. Their priest must be a Palshi or Palshikar Brahmin whose ancestors first earned the right of performing ceremonies of a religious or semi-religious character in many of these Salsette villages on their arrival there, about 1294 A. D., with Bhima Raja of Deogiri. Danda's exclusiveness goes so far that it is "as far removed from the Christian hamlet of Chui which lies almost within a stone's throw as if continents and oceans lay between." Mr Edwardes at some length describes their marriage ceremony. Pity his paper is so short, and that the origin and purpose of the pilgrimage to Karli are not explained. The glimpse Mr. Edwardes gives us of Koli life is too brief—that is its only fault. If he had shown us the Kolis on their pilgrimage with eke a suggestion as to how to regulate them and prevent their abuse of the celebrated caves, his paper would have had a practical as well as an educational value.

THE Calcutta mail having failed to connect with the G. I. P. mail at Jubulpore, the latter arrived in Bombay on Thursday afternoon without letters and passengers from Calcutta. The Calcutta mail, it appears, arrived five hours late at Jubbulpore and the G. I. P. mail after waiting for her for about an hour started for Bombay. The passengers and letters from Calcutta thus left at Jubbulpore, were brought to Bombay yesterday morning by the Jubbulpore passenger train. The special train, conveying Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Low and suite from Delhi, which was due in Bombay at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, did not arrive until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR ROBERT LOW, commanding the Bombay Army, accompanied by Miss Low and the members of the staff, returned to Bombay yesterday afternoon from Delhi by a special train and alighted at the Victoria Terminus. The arrival was private but the usual salute was fired. General Low drove to the Co-operage where he is staying.

CONSIDERABLE interest is being taken locally in Lord Curzon's visit to Jherriah as this is said to be the first occasion on which a Viceroy will have gone down an Indian coal mine, or come directly in contact with the Indian coal industry.

MR. C. W. CHITTY, Chief Judge of

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FIRE AT ALDERSHOT.

GENERAL FRENCH'S HOUSE DESTROYED.

LONDON, JANUARY 16.

Government House at Aldershot, General French's official residence, was totally burnt yesterday evening.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

SOCIALIST ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

M. Jaures, the Socialist, has been elected Vice-president of the Chamber. This election is regarded as significant of the strong position Socialists are attaining in France.

[M. Jaures is one of the best known leaders of the French Socialists in the Chamber. He is a speaker of remarkable eloquence, and is probably the most influential as he is the most widely esteemed member of the Party.]

THE MOROCCO RISING.

FIGHTING AT TANGIER.

TRIBESMEN REPULSED.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

Intertribal fighting is proceeding in the vicinity of Tangier. The Sultan is sending two missions, one to quell the disorders near Tangier and the other to seek the support of the Riffs.

LONDON, JANUARY 16.

The intertribal fighting outside Tangier led yesterday to intervention by Moorish troops who were sent to protect the house of an Englishman in an outlying village where 150 women and children were sheltered. The troops repulsed 700 tribesmen, attacking the village, killing many of them. Five of the troops were wounded.

THE EARTHQUAKE AT ANDIJAN.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

It is now ascertained that 7,000 people perished in the recent earthquake at Andijan. The damage to property is estimated at fifteen million roubles The shocks continue.

SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

LANDING OF TROOPS AT OBBIA.

THE BOER CONTINGENT.

The Indian contingent arriving at Obbia, consisting of the 2nd Sikhs, the British Field Hospital, and the Bombay Sappers and Miners, landed without accident, with the exception of a few casualties among the animals, the sea having subsided. Moreover fatigue parties have removed many of the original obstacles to landing. General Manning has arrived at Obbia.

LONDON, JANUARY 16.

Major Scott Harden with sixty Boers have sailed from Durban for Somaliland.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

Major T. H. Henderson, Military Accounts Department, goes to Berbera as Field Controller and Captain R. H. B. Anderson to Obbia as Field Paymaster.

Veterinary-Major Fowler goes as Senior Veterinary Surgeon.

A field post office is also being sent from India, and large supplies of barbed wire and other stores for service in connection with the Somaliland Expedition.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CHOLERA ON A STEAMER.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The steam-ship Royal has arrived at Malta from Alexandria with seven cholera cases aboard.

STORMY WEATHER IN THE ATLANTIC.

AMERICAN LINERS OVERDUE.

LONDON, JANUARY 16.

The American liner St. Louis from Southampton is four days overdue at New York.

All steamers report stormy passages.

THE AMERICAN COAL FAMINE.

DEMAND FOR BRITISH FUEL.

Over sixty steamers have been chartered since Christmas to convey British coal to the United States.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, JANUARY 15.

The Bombay mails of the 3rd instant arrived at Brindisi to-day.

THE KHAN OF KELAT.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

The Khan of Kelat will be in Bombay from the 21st to 23rd instant, and will visit some of the men-of-war in the harbour.

RETIREMENTS FROM SERVICE.

DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC, TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

An able public servant, and one who will be much missed, is about to retire in Mr. Brind, who has for some time past occupied the important post of Director of Traffic, Telegraph Department. It is understood that his successor will be Mr. Hutchinson, who is now at Home in connection with the International Telegraph Conference, temporary arrangements being made for carrying on the work until Mr. Hutchinson's return to India.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF STATISTICS.

Mr. J. O. O'Connor, Director-General of Statistics, now on leave at Home, has applied to retire from Government service.

DEPARTURE OF SIR GEORGE MOORE.

MADRAS, JANUARY 16.

Colonel Sir George Moore, who returned from Delhi yesterday, left Madras for good the same day. Several friends and former employees assembled at the station to bid him farewell.

THE MADRAS BENCH.

Of the six Judges of the Madras High Court Bench which meets to-day no less than four have titles.

THE Police Commission took evidence at Jubbulpore on Wednesday. Mr Crump, Commissioner of the Narbada Division, was severe in his condemnation of the police under the present system. He was not of those who believed in the prevalence of torture, but corruption was rife, and owing to his low pay the constable was almost compelled to live on the people. Mr. Crump found remedies for this state of things in increase of pay and the employment of a better class of men.

MR. G. R. DAMPIER, Joint Secretary to the Board of Revenue, succeeds Mr. H. W. Lyle as Superintendent of Dehra Dun. Mr. Lyle, who will return later on to the judicial branch of the service, acts temporarily as Magistrate and Collector of Bareilly.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S TOUR

VISIT TO THE MALAKAND.

MALAKAND, JANUARY 15.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by Colonel Deane (Chief Commissioner), left Peshawar by special train at 9 o'clock this morning for the Malakand. The departure was public. The streets from the Royal residence to the station were lined with troops. General Collins and all the civil and military officers were at the station, which was gaily decorated to see their Royal Highnesses off. A guard-of-honour was supplied by the Somersetshire Light Infantry.

The special train arrived at Nowshera at 10 a.m. where their Royal Highnesses breakfasted, while the luggage, etc., was transferred to the narrow gauge railway. A start was made from Nowshera at 10-45 o'clock, and Dargai was reached at 1-30 o'clock. At all halting places between Nowshera and Dargai guards from the nearest troops were stationed. Most of this duty fell on that gallant corps the Guides, whose Commander, Colonel Adams, V.C., C.B., was present at Mardan station to receive their Royal Highnesses.

After a very short halt at Mardan, the journey was continued to Dargai, which was reached at 1-30. Here a guard-of-honour of the 37th Dogras, a wing of which regiment now garrisons the new fort at Dargai, was drawn up on the platform, and Lieutenant-Colonel Marshall, commanding at the Malakand, and Major Malcolm, S.S.O., were waiting to receive their Royal Highnesses.

After inspecting the guard-of-honour their Royal Highnesses entered the carriages and drove up to the Malakand. Their Royal Highnesses showed great interest in the details of the attack on the Malakand in 1895. The Malakand was reached at 2-30 o'clock. On Gretna Green a magnificent guard of the 36th Sikhs awaited their Royal Highnesses. The Duke inspected the guard, and the party then proceeded to luncheon. Their Royal Highnesses stay at the house of Major Godfrey, Political Agent for Dir, Swat, and Chitral. The rest of the party are entertained by Captain Knollys, Assistant Political Agent, and the officers of the 36th Sikhs.

After a hasty lunch their Royal Highnesses and party walked round the new defences and inspected minutely the scenes of the fighting in 1897. Both the Duke and Duchess took the greatest interest in the details described to them. In order to see how the present defences would be manned in the case of a sudden attack like that of 1897, an alarm was sounded, and their Royal Highnesses, from a block-house on Castle Rock, watched the troops take up alarm posts. Their Royal Highnesses expressed themselves much pleased at seeing these historic scenes and having the details of the fighting of 1895 and 1897 described to them.

To-morrow they proceed to Chakdara. The weather is delightful.

JUBBULPORE, JANUARY 15.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught arrives at Sohagpur on the 20th, and will be shooting until the 29th.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. Newmarch officiates as Comptroller at Hyderabad.

Mr. C. Carson has been posted as Assistant Accountant-General of United Provinces.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Indian Army—Lieutenants Furney, Fenning, Hawkes, Prissick, and Jacob to be Captains.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Commander Hooper is to officiate as Port Officer, Bombay, vice Commander Black granted twelve months' leave.

Messrs. A. Collins and W. Williams are to be Assistant Engineers.

Assistant Engineer B. Brebner to be Engineer.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Mr. J. B. Wood, Assistant Secretary, Foreign Department, has been granted ten months' leave.

IMMIGRATION TO CAPE COLONY.

Intimation has been received that the Cape Colony have passed a resolution prohibiting immigration of those unable to write English. This will stop entrance into this extensive section of South Africa of the majority of small Indian traders.

REDUCTION IN STAMP DUTY ON LOAN BONDS.

An important reduction is notified in the stamp duty on loan bonds on the security of crops running from three to twelve months. The rate is now to be one anna for first hundred rupees and two annas for each subsequent hundred.

CRICKET.

AUTHENTICS vs. NORTHERN PUNJAB.

This match was resumed to-day. Lasbury was the only batsman of the Punjab team who played Powys-Keck with any confidence. Powys-Keck's bowling was magnificent and was a very fine performance. Score :—

AUTHENTICS.

	First Innings.
Hornby, c Humphrey, b Lannowe	143
Williams, b Lancaster	11
Hollins, c and b Lancaster	28
Chinnery, c Macdonald, b Lancaster	44
Raphael, Lannowe	19
Faphael, c Heath, b Champain	63
Tomkinson, c Macdonald, b Champain	0
Henham, c Heath, b Humphreys	10
Kershaw, c Heath, b Humphreys	9
Ridley, c Humphreys, b Champain	1
Powys-Keck, not out	8
Extras	12
Total	360

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

NORTHERN PUNJAB.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lannowell	25	2	100	2
Lancaster	16	0	94	2
Champain	16	1	70	3
Ellis	8	0	49	0
Humphreys	454	0	35	2

NORTHERN PUNJAB.

	First Innings.	Second Innings.
Heath, b Powys-Keck	0	not out 6
Neile, c and b Williams	4	l b w, b Powys-Keck. 23
C E Champain, c Hornby, b Williams	7	b Powys-Keck 9
Lannowe, c Hornby	2	c Chinnery, b Powys-Keck 0
Slater, b Williams	3	b Hornby 2
Macdonald, b Williams	0	l b w, b Powys-Keck. 0
Lasbury, b Williams	1	b Powys-Keck 43
Mann, b Williams	2	b Powys-Keck 3
Lancaster, not out	12	c Kershaw, b Powys-Keck 9
Humphreys, c Faphael, b Williams	5	b Powys-Keck 0
Ellis, b Powys-Keck	0	c Tomkinson, b Powys-Keck 9
Extras	8	Extras 11
Total	45	Total 107

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

AUTHENTICS.

	First Innings.				Second Innings.			
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
Powys-Keck	7.5	16	3	2	22·3	12	21	9
Williams	9	1	21	7	15	3	49	0
Hornby	1	1	0	1	13	5	26	1

* Bowled one no ball.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 16.

The construction is sanctioned of a broad gauge siding from Ait on the Indian Midland Railway to Kunch, a distance of about nine miles.

MILITARY INTELIGENCE.

THE Wing, 19th Bombay Infantry, will detail a Guard-of-Honour, composed of one company made up to full established strength, under the command of a Subadar with Band of the 23rd Bombay Rifles to parade at the Victoria Terminus in Review Order, Summer Clothing, on Wednesday, the 21st January, at 7-45 o'clock a.m., to receive His Highness the Khan of Kalat who is expected to arrive at 8 a.m. on that date. His Highness will be received with a General salute, the band playing the first part of a Slow March. A salute of 19 guns will be fired from the Saluting Battery at 8 a.m.

A MANGALORE correspondent writes that as there were no cases for trial committed to the last Sessions at that town the Judge in accordance with custom was presented by the Public Prosecutor with a pair of white gloves.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

NEW YEAR'S PARTIES.

SILVER FOR THE DRESSING TABLE.

HINTS FROM PICTURE GALLERIES.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

Children's parties will soon set in with great severity. They usually grace the beginning of the year. Grace is the right word to use with regard to these festivities, for the youngsters do disport themselves with unconscious grace, foreign, as a rule, to riper years. Little girls look charming in dainty Empire dresses falling straight down from a yoke. We think from a long study of Lilliputians at their revels, that the simplest dresses are the most effective. The tuckings and gaugings, and lace insettings, and other elaborations in which we indulge by the Decree of Dame Fashion, are quite unsuitable for girls. A pretty white silk muslin Empire dress with white spots, made over a silk slip, the yoke embroidered with white baby ribbon in a pattern of bows or scrolls, and a frill of Valenciennes lace at the hem, is delightful party attire for a little maid. Again, a skirt of white Japanese silk with two wide tucks and a wide insertion of Valenciennes lace above the hem, the bodice having a yoke finished in like manner with narrower tucks and lace and a sash of palest forget-me-not blue silk tied in a big bow at the back is a neat little party frock. Puritan dresses are particularly suitable, too, to little maidens. We saw one the other day in soft primrose satin. The little straight bodice was wrought with pearls and finished with lace, and there was a dear little lace cap to be worn close over the sunny hair of the tiny wearer. We have, of course, seen little party frocks with many flounces and dotted all over with little sprays of artificial flowers. Charmingly pretty are these and their fellows, but doll like rather than child-like, and we ourselves find children far prettier and more interesting than dolls. The older fashion of tying up little girls' hair with delicate-coloured ribbon is revived, and it is not only pretty but comfortable, as a lot of hair hanging down at either side of the face is very warm, and proves inconveniently so when there is dancing to be done.

We went the other night to a fancy Vignette dinner party. This meant that the women guests had their heads in the powder and patch period, and their shoulders set out to correspond in fichus and frills, while the rest of them was a matter of no importance. It was, indeed, well so to regard them, as to find our bodices a century and a bit in advance of our heads might have been inconvenient. Suppose our feet had executed a cake walk while our heads move to the stately measure of the menuet! The idea was really picturesque, however, as the powderful heads at the dinner table were quite consistent, the advanced portions of us being stowed away beneath. There were two tables, both round. One was decorated all with scarlet geranium, green fern fronds, holly with berry, and little robin redbreasts. Bright red donkeys held some of the flowers, and were, like the birds, tied round their ridiculous throats with scarlet ribbon. The other table was graced by the presence of four green oats upholding a wealth of Christmas roses, mistletoe, and berries, and other greenery, while beside each oat was a dear little green and white basket. It was delightfully pretty and all the various other details of a uniquely charming entertainment were equally carefully thought out. Such thought and care to secure the enjoyment of guests, in these days, is as rare as it is delightful. So different in spirit to the utterance we heard the other day. A woman was consulting with her husband about entertaining some—presumably—friends. He was rather anxious about it. She said, "Oh, of course, we shall ask them to dine with us at Smartioes; then, if everything isn't all right, it is so easy to blame the restaurant"! That was hospitality run riot with a vengeance! Hair is still being dressed low, but there is, to use Stock Exchange language, an upward tendency. The low dressing, when it suits a woman, suits her admirably. There is, however, no compromise about it. Either it does suit or it does not; it cannot be coerced into half-measures. The other night a very pretty woman, and one of the most stylish dressers of the day, wore her hair down, and we did not know her and concluded that she had "gone off," when it was borne in upon us that it really was she.

Later we decided—being in the proper seasonable frame of mind—that she was as pretty and as daintily stylish as ever, but the low hair dressing did not suit her. Then, being well placed for the purpose, we set about examining coiffures. We saw them—like the wares of the Irish fish wife—all sorts and sizes. One head was garnished with berries, which apparently emerged from a miniature bush having temporary root above the left ear. The hair was arranged in bands all over the back of the head, and was "bouffant" in front. The French word we use as a polite translation of tossed! Another head had the top waved, the hair brought lightly and prettily to the back, and there arranged in a neat knot, round which was a wreath of tiny blush roses, with a little cluster rising at the back. No fringe was worn, but just a few pretty little tendrils of hair round the brow. Again I saw billowy waves of blonde cendre hair drawn loosely back from a face blessed with classically cut features and caught in a careless knot at the nape of a lovely neck with a band of jet, and a small spray of green ivy leaves. One or two high coiffures gave a look of added inches to little ladies, and, therefore, were becoming. Some big velvet pansies in well-dressed dark hair pleased us much; but, on the whole, the hair dressing was not pretty, nor was it carefully chosen to suit the style of the individual who owned the hair. This is, after all, the secret of successful hair arrangement. Choose a style suitable to the face, and modify it to suit different fashions if it seems desirable, but never alter it to follow a fashion unbecoming to the face and general bearing.

Silver is now so cheap, that even the most modest of us can aspire to a shining display on our dressing-tables. It is quite astonishing what a distinction is added to any bedroom by the addition of a toilet table daintily laid with silver. Once this is started, single additions can be made by appropriate presents at Christmas or on birthdays—a brush this time, a trinket box next, and then perhaps a pin tray. A thoughtful husband, without much expense, may in this way have some fresh, delightful surprise for his wife at these festive seasons. It is quite a mystery how the prettily-chased hall-marked silver articles can be sold for their present price. In the catalogue of a well-known West-end shop it may be observed that the Cupid set of silver-backed brush and mirror only cost, respectively, the modest sums of 14s. 6d. and 25·. 9d. A clothes brush to match is marked at 9s. 6d.; a real tortoise-shell comb, mounted with silver, is only 18s. 9d. Various pretty and useful trifles are to be secured in the shape of a silver pin tray at 6s. 6d., silver-handled folding curling tongs at 6s. 6d. silver-mounted manicure polisher at 5s. 11d., and cut glass silver-mounted perfume bottles from 3s. 11d. each. Every variety of pretty silver-mounted photo frames can be chosen for prices ranging from 3s. 11d. up to a couple of guineas. Each article is hall-marked, so that its genuineness is guaranteed. Hence, by the judicious expenditure of a very limited sum, a charming surprise can be planned for the young wife or daughter. The bride of to-day is also excessively fortunate, because where as silver presents from people of limited means twenty years ago used to be the exception, they now are the rule. The new-shaped dressing-bags would also make useful presents. They are of a far more convenient shape than the old-fashioned shut-up-bags. They are usually "built" like a small suit-case. Many shops will make them of different sizes to order. It is important that a good leather should be used, as the lighter bags do not hold the fittings well. Ladies' regular suit-cases are also fitted up with silver things, but they have the drawback of being heavy—too heavy, perhaps, to be conveniently lifted by a woman. Then there are the compact little cases made to hold all the fittings very closely. This can be put whole into whatever box we take away. Another serviceable little gift is a shoe-horn and button-hook in case. Quite an inexpensive one is made in white-boned steel. There is a joint in the middle, and the two articles, shoe-horn and button-hook, fold up together and are stowed away in a little case made of glove kid.

What an alluring combination is white and silver with sable. The other evening we saw a dinner-gown worn by a dainty little lady who has perfect neck and shoulders and arms. The gown was a soft shimmering affair of white and silver. Round the beautiful bust was a curving line of finest dark sable, its rich outline broken only by diamond clasters. There was a high black brush osprey in the shining fair reddishtained hair. The effect was to the last degree "chic"—we really must give "smart" a holiday, the poor word is so misused and over-worked—and the beauty of it was, there was no trace of elaboration or of too much considered detail. The dainty little wearer and the dear, delightful gown were a perfectly-matched couple. One notices now a distinct inclination towards rich and decided colours. They have so far invaded chiefly the realms of velvet, and the tones are a strong blue deep and soft, plum colour, a tone between garnet and ruby, emerald green, amethyst mauve, and topaz yellow. After the prevailing tone for mazzounts which has been so long installed it takes some courage to invest oneself in any of these very decided colours. The plunge taken however, is frequently satisfactory in a great degree Zenobia, once a confirmed believer in the compliasance of pale shades to women whose youth has passed, begins now to perceive that there is more kindness in the rich softness of decided colour. It has to be assumed, however, with care. The other day we saw a woman whose age in Debrett is in no sort of accordance at all with her age in appearance. She was dressed in ivory satin. Her gown was softened with beautiful lace, brightened with silver embroidery Hands, diamonds, but the crow's feet showed in that handsome face, and we felt that at last the ages were levelling up between looks and books. A mother evening some time later the same beautiful woman walked into the room where we were. This time her dress was of velvet, in colour like Burgundy. The skirt was unadorned save for lines of lace narrowly quilled down the seams, and narrow bands of sable beside them. The berthe was of folds of pale chiffon, lines of sable over it forming festoons looped up with velvet, pastalisi convolvuli in natural clusters, charmingly shaded and mingled with their own green leaves. This time the discrepancy between Debrett and appearance was delightfully marked. The soft dark colour, the rich material, the fur and the flowers had simply abolished the crow's feet and tossed them away no one knew or cared whither.

A Society Butterfly writing in "M.A.P." says, Impressions are of a fleeting quality, and should be noted while in remembrance. Agnew's collection of twenty masterpieces, now on view in Bond Street, suggests many reflections on the art of dress. An observant eye will not fail to notice the soft, beautiful, and becoming colours that appeared in the dresses and draperies of a dead and gone eighteenth century. Look, for a moment, at the blue gown worn by the sitter in Gainsborough's fine full-length portrait of Miss Anne Duncombe, afterwards Lady Radnor. This blue is of the old-fashioned sort—dull, and yet translucent, like nothing so much as the soft, bright blueness of the plumbago blooms we now know so well. By the way, Gainsborough had a great liking for this charming shade of colour. Blue appears in many of his best pictures, notably in the famous Blue Boy at Grosvenor House, and also in his inimitable portrait of Mrs. Siddons, now at the National Gallery, where the great actress is depicted in a striped blue and white gown, with a buff shawl—buff, not bright yellow, remember—and wearing a black hat, trimmed with black feathers. But the blues employed by this master hand were entirely unlike our modern ultramarine, whether that vivid hue appears as Royal blue, bright cerulean, or the cruder, harsher shade of the often travelled turquoise. The old-fashioned blue with a dash of yellow in it was one of the most exquisite colours ever worn; so was the soft dun yellow we see in many old paintings; and so also was the warm brownish crimson.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, DECEMBER 26.

From reports received from manufacturers of motor bicycles, it is easy to discern that these speedy little machines will be very extensively used on the roads next summer. The motor bicycle is undoubtedly a very convenient machine for those who are partial to motoring. In the first place, the question of finance with many, favours the bicycle which of all motor vehicles is the cheapest, not only in the initial outlay but in the cost of running. Then on the score of stabling, a motor bicycle holds the advantage, being but little larger than an ordinary bicycle it can easily be stood in a hall or spare room. Another advantage is the possibility of pedalling the bicycle should the engine breakdown. When motor bicycles were first introduced it was stated that they were very liable to slip, but experience has proved this to be a wrong impression, a motor bicycle being as steady as an ordinary bicycle.

The French daily cycling paper L'Auto Velo proposes to arrange an inter-team race to take place in Paris during the month of March. Britain is to be represented by herself as well as Belgium, France and Germany. Teams of eight will start in the race, with six to count. It would appear that Britain has two alternatives. Either to select a team from riders in the United Kingdom, or to send a separate team from each of the four countries, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

It is common knowledge that privately owned animals are not allowed to wander at will on the highways. If a rider runs over a chicken straying on the road, he is not liable for a single feather, and if a cattle owner allows his beasts to stray from their enclosed fields on to the highways and the damage, the owner of such beasts is responsible. We recently witnessed a very nasty accident, although, fortunately, it did not result seriously to the rider. The wheelman was coming down a moderate decline at a medium pace, and was just turning round into another road at the foot, when he was confronted with a cow which had strayed. If the animal had kept still all would have been well, but as the wheelman was proceeding to pass on the off side, the cow did a little step, dancing on its own, and the cyclist fouled the beast full in the body. From his position on the ground, the cyclist watched with enjoyment the antics of the cow, as it made hot haste down the road.

The death is announced of Mr. R. H. Fry, the leviathan bookmaker, and one of the most respected sportsmen of the day. His business was enormous, and the magnitude of his transactions placed him as the biggest bookmaker on the ring. Mr. Fry was a non-smoker and a teetotaler, and although possessed of so much wealth, lived a simple life, giving largely to charity. The poor in his district will sadly miss his liberal gifts of coal and blankets. For many years the Anerley Cycle Club has enjoyed the presidency of Mr. Fry, and the interest he took in this club and the liberal support which he year by year afforded it, was largely responsible for the prominent position it has gained. How other presidents ever acted so generously as Mr. Fry.

The rapid growth of electric traction, in all parts of the country, is causing considerable commotion amongst a certain section of wheelmen who see in the extension increased risk to cyclists and miles of indifferent roads. But we will not admit that electric tramways are the curse to cyclists that some would make out. Invariably, when a horse-drawn system is electrified, vast improvements are noticeable in the condition of the rails, and in more cases than not the "going" is improved. Besides, the boon to thousands far outweighs the danger or inconvenience to cyclists admitting that they do exist.

One of the first English professional racing men to sign on to ride a certain firms make of cycles during the coming season, is Tommy Hall, who, it is said, has completed arrangements with a French firm for 1903. Two fast motor pacing bicycles are to be specially built for Hall and every effort will be made for him to complete fifty miles in the hour. It sounds a tall order, but there is but little doubt that the distance will be covered very soon after racing recommences. The first man to ride the distance will make a great name for himself, and Hall, on his improved form, stands as equal a chance as anyone.

A man who was charged before a magistrate with attempting to commit suicide was given some very good advice from the magistrate's clerk. On pleading that over-sand brought on an illness which effected his brain, the clerk advised him to take to cycling. It is marvellous what effect cycling has upon an over-worked brain.

A cyclist who had the misfortune to lose his bicycle some two months ago, recovered it under unexpected circumstances. The machine was taken from a stable at an hotel in Wellington, and although at the time he made exhaustive enquiries for the missing bike he was unsuccessful. Just recently, however, he received information in a Midland paper to the effect that a bicycle had been found, and the description given tallying with the lost cycle, he made application and received back his missing wheel. The police gained possession of the machine by a boy trying to dispose of it for threepence; he gave the tale that he found it in Union Passage, Birmingham, but how it got there remains a mystery.

Very few cyclists trouble to repair the hole in the cover after repairing a puncture, with the result that dampness through the fabric and canvas is to be met with. It is always well when a large puncture or gash has been sustained to carefully clean the cut in the outer cover, and then rub a small amount of solution well into it. Good strong solution like the Dunlop should be used, and sufficient time allowed for it to become "tacky." The edges should be then well pressed together, and some tape bound tightly round both tyre and rim, when a splendid and lasting repair will have been effected.

If the tyre have been worn smooth by the season's work, get a good pair of non slipping bands put on. These will not only steady the machine, but will also prevent the wet getting through on to the inner cover and rotting the fabric beneath. The less a tyre spreads under the rider's weight, the better it will penetrate the mud and grip the road surface; therefore, it is the wisest thing to keep the tyres fully inflated and overcome the tendency to slide by means of non-slip. Side slip has been the cause of fatal accidents, particularly when traffic complicates matters, and therefore every precaution should be taken to avoid it. There is nothing like a steady drizzle or plenty of fog and mist to make the roads thoroughly greasy. Asphalte offers the most treacherous surface, and to ride on it in traffic is simply courting a catastrophe. A very fine non slipping bandis the improved pattern Dunlop. It can be had in 1·4 inch and 1·34 inch wide, and is one of the best tyre renovators on the market. It can be specially recommended for reinforcing a light tyre which is required for heavy work or winter riding.

Care in fixing rim brakes is very important, because if the brake blocks are not adjusted accurately and evenly in the forks, the blocks may catch against either the valve nuts or the spoke heads when the brake is brought into operation. When the rims are narrow, it is by no means easy to adjust the brake blocks evenly. The best rim for rim brakes is undoubtedly the Dunlop, because it is constructed so as to allow ample margin for the brake blocks to act in a smooth and fair manner.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers are booked to proceed to-day by the P. and O. Company's steamer Oriental, to Marseilles and London :—

Keighley, Mr B
Wigoy, Colonel Mrs G F
Shearer, Mrs J
Verge, Miss
Macdonald, Mr J
Gilmour, D C O Col
Philips, Lieut L D
Phillips, Mr
Moore, Sir George
Radford, Col O C
Lyttelton, C B The Hon G B
Spencer
Peel, Rev, Mrs and infant
Longstaff, Capt J W
Yeo, Hon
Sargent, Capt A G
Davis, Mr W
Homes, Mr F W
Bayldon, Lt R C, R N
Rosat, Mr
Gawsirowne-Caw, Mr and Mrs
Murray, Mr R
Bridges, Lieut and Rowland
Murphy, Lieut W O S
Cooper, Sir Alfred and Lady
Cooper Miss
Thomas, Mr and Mrs E
Warwick, Mr H
Brian, Sir Landyn Ruggles K C B
Mawbray, Sir R, Bart M P
White, Mr Gilbert
Roulston, Mr Charles P
Mortimer Mompes, Mr and Mrs
Harland, Miss

THE YACHT GODWIT.

MR. C. T. B. SCOVELL and his brother, Mr. G. V. Scovell arrived safely at Port Said in his yacht "Godwit" yesterday. Intimation to that effect was received here by wire. Mr. Scovell leaves for Bombay on Sunday. The yacht experienced gales and then calms all the way from Greece, having travelled from Malta via Zante, Patras, and Corinth.

BOOKS GRAVE AND GAY.

THE RAGHUVANCA, by Kalidasa, translated by P. de Lacy Johnstone, gives a new English version of an old Hindu poem, written probably in the Sixth Century of our era. The poet, Kalidasa, was long held to be one of the "nine gems" at the Court of a Hindu monarch who reigned contemporaneously with the Roman Emperor Augustus, but that is not proved to be a historical fact. He was and is undoubtedly India's greatest dramatist, as well as her "greatest epic poet." Shakuntala, and "The Hero and the Nymph" are already well known to the students of Sanskrit literature, and both have been translated. "Kumarasambhava" and "Raghuvanca," both by Kalidasa, are two of the six "great poems" of Hindustan. And of these the latter takes highest rank in the opinion of scholars. Mr. Johnstone wondered that as much had not been done for the first poem as Mr. Griffiths had done for the "Birth of the War-God" especially as the greater part of the Raghuvanca had been already rendered into English. He has utilised Stenzler's Latin translation as a reference in his study of the best native editions of the poem, with constant reference to the Sanskrit commentators and his English metrical translation of the Story of Raghu's Line is the very satisfactory result. In its original form the Raghuvanca consisted of twenty-five cantos, but only nineteen have come down from past ages. It is mythological in a high degree relating the glories of the Great Solar race and the doings of Vishnu [as Rama. The first nine cantos follow the fortunes of Rama's four immediate predecessors. Cantos ten to fifteen tell of Rama's birth, his youth and manhood, his marriage with Sita, victory over Ramana and his happy reign, till he dropped off humanity and resumed once more the glory of the "Unconditioned God." The remaining four cantos relate to his successors in his earthly kingdom ending with the decadent Agnivarna. The poem there ends suddenly. Mr. Johnstone has brought it within reach of all those who may not read it in its Sanskrit form, and in doing so, he has done an excellent literary work for which this generation must thank him.

SHAKUNTALA, or the Fatal Ring, by Kalidasa, the Shakespeare of India, edited by T. Holme, is one of the best of the dramas of India, and this edition is a reprint of the play from the collected works of Sir William Jones. There is neither tragedy nor violent action in the drama, the hero and heroine pass through a probation of suffering, but are happy in the end. They love nature, and Shakuntala utters her most touching and beautiful words when she leaves the forest and says goodbye to trees and plants to go to the city and become the wife of the king. THE MEGHADUTA OR CLOUD MESSENGER and THE BHAGAVAD-GITA, both reprints of the prose translation of Sir Charles Wilkins, are in the same volume. These were first published at the request of Warren Hastings as far back as 1795. Another version of the same play is that published by Mr. T. G. Jennings, and is in verse based upon the Indian drama. In comparing this with the prose edition, one is struck by the greater freedom with which Mr. Jennings treats his subject. It is in five acts, and is fortified with stage directions and descriptions of the scenery necessary for the representation of the play.

HEROES OF THE WEST, by A. I. Carlyle, R. M Carlyle, and F. S. Marvin, is one of Murray's new Library. We have here a very diverse collection of men remarkable in the modern world, that is, since the end of the Roman Empire. Charlemagne begins the list and William of Orange ends it, with Pope Gregory, Hildebrand, Godfrey of Bouillon, Dante, Wycliffe and Huss, Joan of Arc, Columbus, Raphael, Luther, and Saint Louis in between. These biographies, short as they are, form a historical sketch of Western Europe up to the end of the sixteenth century. A second volume will follow and will bring down this series to the nineteenth century. It is an excellent plan for familiarising the student with the chief events of the European history contemporaneous with the history of his own country which being usually studied at greater length, leaves but little time for taking a comprehensive view of events in continental Europe. Lewis Campbell, M.A., LL.D., has written on PLATO'S REPUBLIC for the same Library. And no better person could have been chosen to write popularly on the great Greek thinker, for Mr Campbell has been a devoted student of Plato for fifty years. He considers the style of the Republic, its moral aim, the metaphysical background, its social and political aspects, Plato's communism, the position of women, the supremacy of reason, and in fact all the points made by the great philosopher and brings down to ordinary mortals the treasures of which scholars had formerly the monopoly. The Scott Library offers its readers an immense variety of entertainment and instruction at one shilling and sixpence a volume.

THE WHITE WITCH OF MAY FAIR, by George Griffith, is a terrible tale of a beautiful Spanish hypnotist who makes a name for herself in London, Paris, and Vienna, and at the time the story opens she is in danger of being handed over to justice charged with theft and forgery. The case was clear, though a detective officer, wildly in love with this fascinating being, compromises it on condition that she marries him as soon as she has, by marrying some rich man, secured a fortune and a good position in society. She is forced to sell off the wealthy husband and settle down with Mr. Falconer, the detective. This horrible arrangement is worked out up to a certain point, and Mr. Griffith displays both power and ingenuity in the smooth movement of the deadly plot. The glamour and glitter and dignity of a London season cover the most terrible machinations of the heartless planners of such demoniacal wickedness. The cautiful witch wins a fine young millionaire with an honest warm heart, and finds her first punishment in the fact that she really falls in love with her victim and repents bitterly of the compact she has made with Falconer. Murder and treachery are his weapons, and he deals out destruction to a marvellous number of harmless and admirable people. The final catastrophe sets the seal on the evil deeds of the conspirators. It is an absorbing story and one that draws the reader to finish it, if possible, at a sitting.

HOW TO CHOOSE A HUSBAND, by Rosalie Neish, is a collection of sketches varied with advice. There are recipes for the best way to select a wife; a good deal about housekeeping, and the diverse ways of being happy though married or single, in this world. "How to propose" was settled by a cheery subaltern who was successful in a competition for the selection of the best method. This was his essay :—

"Be very firm if the girl you don't want to marry proposes to you and be sure you give her to understand at once and for all that you are engaged elsewhere. No man should allow widows to propose unless they are very well off, or possess a large settlement and no one need hesitate to refuse the girl who proposes the first time she sees you because,"—here the subaltern was drowned by jeers and laughter. "If you prefer proposing to being proposed to, and if you happen to want the girl to accept you, don't tread on her dress or surreptitiously kick her pet dog, and, above all, don't tell her that she is the first and only girl you have ever loved, because if she's nice, she won't believe you. No small man in proposing should ask a large man to come and sit on his knee," continued the subaltern airily, "and no man should write to the girl he loves, to say, 'Coming this afternoon, something important to say,' because a friend of mine once did it, and when he got there and made his proposal the girl merely looked disappointed, and said coldly, 'Is that all?' which was rather hard on the poor chap—but as I told him, entirely his own fault.—

Don't cross-examine the girl while proposing to her, as to whether she is fond of sewing and children, or housekeeping and domesticities, because modern girls never are, but tell her she'd make a jolly good pal, and give her your second-best cigarettes to smoke, and admire her hats—whatever they are like."

All the papers are written in a bright lively vein and the incidents are of the crisp short story character.

THE LADY OF THE BARGE heads a number of stories varied, grave, gay, and many terrible, by W. W. Jacobs, who can as easily make one shudder, as laugh. "The Monkey's Paw," "In the Library," and "The Well" are calculated to please those that like the ghostly shivering tale, and "A Mixed Proposal," "A Golden Venture," and "Cupboard Love" are in the cheerful vein which the author has made his own.

THE WIFE AND MOTHER, by Ralph Vincent, M. D., is a book of first principles for the guidance of young married women, and is written with a view to render some assistance to inexperienced people in new and important circumstances. In the course of his practice the writer has been much struck by the need for words of wisdom from some one qualified to utter them. He grants that there are many good reasons for the marvellous ignorance that prevails, but too often superstition and prejudice fill minds undoubtedly the Dunlop, because it is constructed so as to allow ample margin for the brake blocks to act in a smooth and fair manner.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

AN ordinary monthly meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Trust, Albert Buildings, Fort, the Hon'ble Mr. S. Rebsch presiding. There were present the Hon. Mr. W. C. Hughes, D

A TRADE MARK CASE.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. K. K. Kharas, pleader, appeared on behalf of Mr. Alfred William Jerkington, representative of the firm of Messrs. George Angus and Company of Newcastle on Tyne, rubber manufacturers, and applied for permission to withdraw his complaint against Mr. Hormasjee M. Mehta carrying on business under the name of Messrs. H. M. Mehta and Company at No. 43, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, who was charged with infringement of the Merchandise Marks Act. He made the application on the ground that the accused had undertaken not to sell the goods in question under the name of the complainant's firm in future.

The complainant during the course of his information said that the firm of George Angus and Company had for several years past manufactured and imported into India sheets of rubber of excellent quality bearing the stamp "British Admiralty Quality" enclosed in a border. The rubber was known in the market by the distinctive name of "British Admiralty Quality." Mr. Hormasjee M. Mehta was a constituent of the above company before, and received a considerable quantity of the rubber until two years ago when his connection with the company closed. Mr. H. M. Mehta had been for some time past importing sheets of inferior quality stamped "British Admiralty Quality" similar to the stamp of the rubber manufactured by Messrs. George Angus and Company, and passing them off as manufactured by the said Company. On two different occasions to the 3rd and the 5th instant Mr. Mehta sold three sheets of rubber to one Mr. K. K. Kharas representing them to be manufactured by Messrs. George Angus and Company. That he was informed that Mr. Mehta had given instructions to a manufacturer in England to sent outrubber of an inferior quality stamped with the words "British Admiralty Quality," and at the time the information was filed he had a considerable quantity of it in his shop and godown. The fraudulent sale of the rubber of that inferior quality had been going on for a very long time and had caused great loss to the home company.

A search-warrant was issued on the information. The Magistrate granted the application and the case was withdrawn.

PIKE-FISHING.

Some fishermen affect to despise all branches of the art wherein the artificial fly is not employed. They love not to look upon a float, nor take any pleasure in luring the golden trout to its doom by means of a wriggling worm. There is, be it said, worm-fishing and worm-fishing. It takes an expert to catch trout with that bumble-turd lure when skies are blue when the June sunshine blazes upon the water and streams run low and clear. Any duffer can poach a basketful in times of flood. But we are in December now, not in June, and, given suitable conditions, the sport afforded by the pike during the winter months is by no means to be despised.

Live-bailing, as it is called, is by far the most deadly method of angling for pike. It is also the most monotonous. A small dace is about the best bait. The length of line from float to hook should be such that the lure works easily above the bottom. Let us suppose the unfortunate little fish has been despatched on its deadly errand. Its struggles to escape are slightly reflected by the float, which bobs jerkily in response. Down the centre of the deep pool float and dace now slowly travel. Suddenly the former is submerged—dragged far below the surface, and instantly the angler pays out line. With the bait held crosswise between its ugly jaws, the pike retires to its lair, there to swallow its prey at its leisure. Watch in hand, the angler counts the passing minutes; three, four, five—time is up, and, reeling up the line, he strikes firmly. Then the fun begins.

But when the pike are not feeding, the live-bait business becomes exceedingly dull, and a turn at spinning may be tried by way of a change. Bleak make good spinning baits, but they are not always procurable, and in the absence of fresh bait, the silvery sprats which can be bought from the fish monger for a few pence make an excellent substitute. Despite its greediness, the pike is a wary fish, so the tackle should be as fine as is compatible with circumstances, and although the angler desires to attract his quarry's attention he had best not attempt to do so by showing himself too prominently on the bank. When a fish is observed following the bait, the movement of the latter should not be hastened, and when a pike lays hold it should be struck quickly and firmly. It is commonly supposed that the sharp teeth of a pike will inevitably cut through a gut trace, but this is by no means invariably the case.

Marvellous tales are told of monster pike that have been captured. Fifty-pounders seem to be comparatively common in the Irish loughs—if we may trust the accounts of the natives. As a matter of fact, a pike of 40lb. is an exceedingly big fish, are more rare than a salmon of the same size. One of no less a weight was once captured by two ladies, alone in a boat. Their gillie—it was in Scotland—had left them for a while to procure some fresh baits (younger and more adventurous of the two flung the bait, which still adhered to the flight of hooks, overboard while the elder plied the oars. There came a swirl like a whirlpool in the calm water, the line ran screeching off the reel as the biggest pike "ever was seen" explored the depths of the loch. According to the account vouchsafed by the heroines of the adventure subsequently, they were towed round and about that sheet of water for hours. Sometimes the great fish showed its huge side for a broadside on; sometimes it swam near the boat and surveyed its would-be captors with gaping jaws and dull menacing eye. And then it was not only the reel that screeched. But rescue was at hand. Watching its opportunity as the boat came into shallow water, the gillie waded out up to his middle, clambered on board, and in the absence of gaff or net, succeeded in landing the great fish by the simple process of inserting his fingers in the sockets of its eyes. Its weight was a trifle over 40lb.—R. C. D. in the "Westminster."

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, JANUARY 16.

FRIDAY.—Pressure has increased briskly on the Punjab side, Gujarat, and west of the Satpuras, and slightly to briskly in East Deccan. It has been steady and is in slight to moderate defect in the east of Central India and adjoining districts, where the depression yesterday lying over Gujarat and North-West Peninsula has been transmitted. The depression entering West Punjab yesterday has almost filled up. It has given light snow in Baluchistan and Kashmir but no rain has fallen in the Upper Indus plains. The depression in Central India is at present of little importance, but as it continues to advance eastward it may give disturbed weather in North-East India. Light showers have fallen in Chota Nagpur. The mean temperature of the past day was again in considerable to large excess in Berar, Central Provinces, Orissa, and Deccan, and in moderate to large defect in the United Provinces, North and Central Bengal, and Assam.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY THE 16TH JANUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has risen slightly in all districts except in Central India, Berar, Kathiawar, the Indus Valley, Gujarat and at Lahore, Hoshangabad, Khandwa and Malegaon, where a brisk to rapid rise has taken place. Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The variations of both the day and night temperatures are moderate. The maximum varied from 91° at Cochin to 70° at Delhi and Agra and the minimum from 36° at Jacobabad to 78° at Negapatam.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is partially cloudy in several places, but seems to be getting clear. Humidity changes are unimportant.

Rain.—There has been no rain at any station.

Weather.—Fine weather with passing clouds prevails generally.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
Bombay, 16th January, 1903.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected at 32 deg. Fah. ..... inches	29·966
Temperature of the Air ..... degrees	73·9
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·5
Dew Point	62·6
Relative humidity of Air	0·684
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)	4·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) ..... degrees	88·1
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	66·9
General Direction of wind*	E, WNW, NW, NNW.
Mean rate of Wind in 24 hours ..... miles	172

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT—JANUARY 15.	
10 p.m.	71·5
FRIDAY NIGHT—JANUARY 16.	
4 a.m.	66·6
10 a.m.	72·0
4 p.m.	78·7
10 p.m.	77·8

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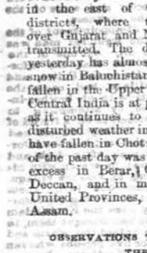

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TRADE MARK.

A PORTER DANCE.

"Whoa! whoa! Shtond, shtand, will ye!" "Noo then, thraveller, noo!" "Gossra again! Goosra again! Ah, stay a minnit, it's through the bottom of the cart!" A chorus of such exclamations comes from the yard through the open sitting-room window. The Dilworthys have come down with their ass-cart from Stacks Mountain to take away the poor old Collard and Collard to his new home. It has been standing in the coach-house ever since the porter dance; but let me tell how there came to be a porter dance.

Dermot dropped into an auction of furniture three months ago and hearing somebody bid six pound ten for the battered old instrument thoughtlessly remarked, "Six fifteen," and before he rightly knew where he was, found it his property. He paid the price like a man and resolutely turned to face the question, "What's to be done with it?" "Raffle it; what else?" was the best advice he could get. So he bought some books of tickets (they sell them in the shops here), and for weeks a steady stream of shillings flowed into one of his pockets and mostly flowed out of the other.

But even pianos have a price and shillings a limit in this distressful country and by the counterfoils of the tickets Dermot calculated that he has parted with about a hundred and fifty and must have received nearly as many shillings. Forty of these still load his pockets and again he has to rise to the question, "What's to be done with it?" "Give a porter dance to the ticket-holders," is the many-lipped of the numerous suggestions elicited. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches as the Preacher said; so from the Deputy-Lieutenant in his castle to the farmer's labourer who squats on the bog the word goes from mouth to mouth, "Dance at Dalkey Lodge on Saturday."

Saturday comes; the outside car and the Rail find temporary lodgings in a cowshed; the coach-house is swept and garnished, six Chinese lanterns hang from the ceiling, and six candle-ends are stuck on pegs in the wall; the piano, cause of all the joy, stands in a corner, and a large cask of porter looms black and burly in the saddle-room.

But even such unwontedly elaborate arrangements as these cannot tempt many of the ticket-holders to face the sheets of rain that splash on the black and sodden road, and by nine o'clock the attendance is so thin that we calculate with awe to what each man's share of the porter cask will amount. The threatened catastrophe must be warded off, and Danny, the footman, is despatched on his bicycle to summon all and sundry within a miles radius ticket-holders or not. A noble response greets his efforts, and soon forty sons and daughters of the soil have foregathered to chase the glowing hours with hobnailed boots on the concrete floor.

The gentlemen of the party are more or less redolent of mother earth, Motley is the only wear with them, and their workaday clothes in sundry tints of brown and yellow are made picturesque with various-coloured neckcloths, or even linen collars in all shades from grey to black. Their partners dress to a standard several degrees higher. They may have fed the pigs barefooted in the daytime, but all record of such occupations is wiped off the slate for this evening. Skirt and blouse costume is the prevailing mode, a favourite colour for the latter being "England's cruel red," about which they and their swains are ready to sing such bitter things. Still, the colour of such choices does not matter much when one looks at their faces, dark and clear-skinned, Iberian and Celtic, with here and there the Saxon-red strain cropping up in pink complexions and masses of auburn hair.

Eight couples form a set, and the dancing begins. The weather has kept away the owner of a melodeon who was expected, and not even a "decint piper" can be raised, so the music has to be supplied from one somewhat dessiated piano at the hands of one of the "quality" present. The dancers soon fall in their work, literally and metaphorically, and as set follows set the atmosphere becomes such that it is refreshing to go into the open and turn one's face for a moment to the still leaky sky.

After a while the porter-cask is broached, and then the set dancers cease up to be entertained with a song or a "pas seul" in the way of a jig. One portly old dame is celebrated for the latter accomplishment, and her efforts seem likely to damage even the concrete floor.

"Begorrah! Mrs. Cafferty, ye're lepping like a hare," we think in the words of the song, and proceed to arrange for the drawing of the raffle.

All the names are put into a hat and each is read out in turn, the last to win the piano. The dancing is forgotten for the moment and the process is watched with breathless interest, scarcely interrupted by exclamations of despair as the names of those present are drawn. The last slip is unfolded and the name read. "Mr. Delany!" A chorus of "Ohs!" and "Ahs!" is taken up, but no one seems to know who Mr. Delany is. Then an individual in the corner shouts, "Tha's me, yer honour!" but immediately from the opposite corner he is taken up with, "No; 'tis me!" and two more equally unexaminated claims arise simultaneously. "Let me get near him. Shure, he never had a ticket at all!" is the next cry from the "sol-disant" Delany (the real Delany being an absentee), and there are the makings of a very pretty fight when Dermot's giant form rises above the crowd on a chair and his voice is heard above the wrangling. "Hi! boys, here's a lot of tickets we haven't drawn yet; we must go on again."

Public interest promptly takes a milder form, and the drawing is resumed. "Miss Doherty!" Is the final verdict, and a tiny mite of seven, the holder of a ticket on her mother's behalf, is pointed out. Neither she nor the elder members of her family take much interest in their new possession; none of them can play it, and they know that it will occupy the space of a cow in their one-roomed abode. They do not yet realize its value as an asset; when they do it will probably be raffled again.

It is now past midnight, and dancing begins again with renewed energy, what time the porter barrel grows perceptibly lighter. Couples wander out into the crowd and seek seclusion in the adjacent haybarn and so matters go on for several hours more, only interrupted by one "contretemps" in the shape of a free fight between several guests who are "not to say drunk, but having drink taken." The chief offender is with difficulty landed beyond the back gate in the overflowing gutter, where he bellows, to his heart's content. About half-past four there is talk of "one more set festivities," and the state of the weather becomes of general interest.

"Ah! 'tis breskit," remark the optimists. "But where's the moon, boys? Shure, she was there above not an hour ago! We'll not go home in the dark."

Where is the moon? Surely there was nothing else but porter in that barrel! we think as we stare at the sky. As Micky said, the moon was there an hour ago, pale behind the clouds, but still high above the horizon. Nameless fears assail our minds until the statistician of the house party is heard exclaiming, "By Jove, of course there's an eclipse of the moon to-night. I'd forgotten all about it!" And he becomes lost in contemplation of that part of the sky where the moon was last seen.

"Ah! the moon'll be out soon, boys; come back and dance again while it's dark." No pressure is needed, and the fun soon becomes faster and more furious than ever. The moon and its vagaries are forgotten until suddenly a dancer who owns a watch is heard to exclaim in dreadless tones, "Boys, 'tis Sunday mornin' an' only twinty minnits to sivin o'clock Mass!"

And before you know what is the matter the coach-house and the hay-barn are empty, and the whole dishevelled assembly of dancers is filing up the road towards the town. As they disappear over the hilltop in the first grey light of dawn the sound of a chorus is wafted back:—

With a toot o' the flute and the twiddle o' the fiddle, oh!
Hopping up and down like a merrie cow a-diddle, oh!
Up, down, hands around, crossing to the wall,
Oh! hadn't we the gaiety at Phil the Fister's ball!

—"Pall Mall Gazette."

TOLD OF THE OPAL.

JUST THE STONE FOR LADIES.

A JEWELLER, lamenting the fact that opals are regarded by many as unlucky, attributed the superstition in a measure to the variability of the stone.

"Its tendency to changes," he said, "makes it seem uncanny. Just as flowers will retain their freshness when worn by one person and wither rapidly on another, so an opal will grow lustrous or dull according to the temperament of its wearer.

"It is at its best when worn next to the skin of a person of a warm, sympathetic disposition, with plenty of animal spirits. The vitality of the wearer seems to infuse itself into the stone; hence the weird and curious legends about the stone, one of which credits it with possessing a soul. It seems to me just the stone that a lady should wear, forming, as it would a sort of barometer of her changing moods.

"Until lately Hungary was the chief birthplace of the opal, but now Australia takes the lead supplying opals that are not only more brilliant than those of Austria, but at the same time far less liable to suffer any dimness of lustre."

THE Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Colonel Deane and the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale, paid a visit to the Khyber Pass from Peshawar on Tuesday. They spent a pleasant day, being hospitably entertained by the Khyber Rifles. The Malliks seemed pleased with the visit, and many of them were presented to His Royal Highness by Colonel Deane.

A NUMBER of irreconcilable Boer prisoners in Ceylon, about 60 or so, have asked permission to settle down in Java. The Government of that Island has raised no difficulties against the idea. Their arrival at Batavia is shortly expected. It is intended to offer them a piece of land in the mountainous Preanger District of West Java, for an agricultural colony.

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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

APROPOS of the robbery of the Countess of Carnarvon's jewels, it may be remembered that a few years ago a great outcry was raised by people going to and from the Riviera whose belongings were often tampered with between Paris and Marseilles. Moreover, ordinary goods forwarded by the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean line frequently failed to reach their destination, matters at last becoming so bad that in one year the railway company had to pay over £30,000 as compensation. Of course the police were set to work, and as a result of their prolonged investigations more than forty employés of the Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean Company were arrested and are now in prison at Lyons awaiting their trial at the January Assizes. The affair having taken place in the provinces—most of the thefts being committed between Dijon and Lyons—it would seem to have escaped the attention of the Paris correspondents, though it is certainly of considerable interest to all English people wintering on the Riviera. In addition to the presumed thieves, one of their principal receivers has lately been arrested at Lyons; and at his various residences in that city and its vicinity the police have all covered stolen property valued at several thousands of pounds. For the most part, it consists of merchandise abstracted from goods trains there being thousands of yards of silk from the Lyons looms, a large quantity of cotton stuff, hundreds of cases of sugar and wine in bottle, jars of oil, and many other provisions, in addition to considerable personal property. From all this it would seem that the gang which has been operating for so many years on the Lyons line at last broken up; and it would now be as well for the French Northern Railway to take action similar to that which the Southern company has brought to a successful issue. That over fifty of the latter's own servants should be implicated in the robberies is a particularly remarkable circumstance, and may well point to something similar on other lines.

Inhaling cigarette smoke is a very common practice and a writer in the January "Chambers's Journal" draws a dreary picture of the results. Inhaling, as readers know, consists simply in drawing a volume of smoke from the cigarette into the mouth, and then taking a deep breath. It is the act of which the smoke is carried from the mouth down into the lungs. In their passage the fumes, it is said, come into intimate contact with the nervous system, and the result is an instantaneous communication to the brain, which takes the form of a momentary semi-paralysis—when the man is new to the habit, that is. The old inhaler is not, of course, so easily affected, because his nerves and senses have been dulled by the practice; but he is affected all the same. Those who habitually inhale suffer much, we are told, both mentally and physically: In the first place a constant and severe nervousness hangs over the victim. He is in a continual state of lethargy which he cannot overcome. His mental powers are very considerably dulled and his capacity for work is greatly reduced. Only with difficulty can he apply himself to the reading of any thoughtful book. . . . The pulse becomes very irregular, the heart is weakened the appetite is greatly diminished, and the hollow cheek and sunken eye are plainly indications that something is seriously wrong. The victim, moreover, almost inevitably develops a peculiar kind of asthma, and becomes very susceptible to lung troubles of all sorts. The writer advises smokers never, upon any consideration, to be tempted to inhale for the first time. Once the habit is begun it is most difficult to break away from it. In the course of the article quoted there are some statements as to the increase that has taken place of late years in the sale of cigarettes. A single wholesale firm of cigarette manufacturers who used to make and sell only a quarter of a million of cigarettes a week now dispose of five millions in the same period; and another wholesale firm, who at one time made practically no business at all in this article, is now manufacturing no fewer than thirty millions of cigarettes a week. The Americans were first responsible for the idea of the little packets of ten or dozen or even fewer, which now flood the markets and bring the "whiff" within the purchasing power of boys with but little pocket money.

Some rather striking evidence was given before the Alien Immigration Commission by Mr. Herbert Evans, an East End Factory Inspector, concerning the sweater and his methods. The sweater was described as an unprincipled loathsome individual whose tyrannical methods and disposition were only equalled by his complete ignorance and open defiance of everything that was moral and human. He was usually found in a basement or garret, concealed from the outside world altogether. The witness continued. His workshop reeks with foul smell, the atmosphere is loaded with human vitiation. The combustion from burning refuse and the emission of ticket fumes by smoky oil lamps are two implements of work and from processes of manufacture, together with an absence of natural light, make this particular class of work-places a positive danger to the community. Here the alien is imprisoned night and day, and kept at work in a semi-nude state for starvation allowance. Family and all sleep in the same room. A few women are engaged. The effect of this is found in the arsenic and lifeless state of the workers. The sweater is oblivious to all demands for decency, and honesty is not the best tract of these helots of industry.

Henri Fournier is a reformed bicyclist, as he expresses it. He does not think the bicycle safe. He tells the following:—"One evening a man started out for a ride on his wheel. He was an expert rider, and inclined to "show off" on occasion. Night fell, and darkness found him at the top of a steep hill, down which the road was quite familiar to him, ran as straight and as smooth as a stretched ribbon. He stopped to light his lamp, and as he remounted he noticed two lights coming up the hill towards him. They kept at just exactly the same distance—about three feet apart—and were approaching steadily. There was no wavering, no zig-zagging, so usual in climbing a hill on a wheel. "Ah!" said the man, 'here come two good riders. They know how to ride. It is magnificent. But I'll show them how to ride just as well. I will cross right between them. That will be a feat.' So he started. When he neared the lights he was steering right between them and going like the wind. At this part of the road there were no trees. Gentlemen, the two steady lights shone from the side lamps of an automobile."

The new little Prince's eldest brother, Prince Edward, is familiar to everyone, his many appearances having already made him quite a public man. His chief characteristics are a full sense of the dignity of his position and a brilliancy quite unusual for a lad of his age. His knowledge of history was exemplified when, with Prince Albert and Princess Victoria, the famous visit to the Tower of London was made. He explained various interesting matters in a lucid manner to his sister and his younger brother. When the little party was about to have a glimpse of the dungeons, Princess Victoria was visibly depressed. Prince Edward assured her that there was no danger, and moved to her side to give her a sense of his reflection.

The board school of Bron-y-fosl, in Carmarvonshire, is the highest in England from a geographical point of view. It is situated on the side of the Snowdon range at an altitude of over 1,000ft. above the level of the sea. Notwithstanding this, his Majesty's inspector, in his last report, declares: "The attendance has been extremely satisfactory for this storm swept locality. Last year the attendance was 88 per cent.—higher than the average throughout Wales.

The Egyptian Government seconded by the British motorist enthusiasts on the Cairo staff has successfully completed a series of experiments in desert travelling by motor. A desert motor-waggon conveying a half company, consisting of forty soldiers at Abbassieh, spun down the Suez Road, negotiating the rough passage in fine style. On getting into the desert the real trial began. Where the sand was fairly firm good running was made. The waggon was fitted with tyres having broad flanges, which gripped well and drove the machine onward. Where the sand was very loose the going was difficult, the wheel occasionally churning sand without progressing and making it necessary for the gunners to get out and give a friendly push. This fault will be removed by the use of broader tyres. Hill-climbing experiments were made in Cairo and a waggon carrying a freight equal to three tons covered the great citadel hill in four-teen minutes without a stop. The representatives of the Ministry and the Army were well satisfied with the general efficiency of the wagon for transporting troops, and a report is being made upon it by Miralai Peake Bey, C.M.G. Trial was also made of a desert transport wagon for camel, horse, mule, or motor traction. The Arab population were amazed at the two machines ploughing the desert, and named them the big and little devils.

Prince Edward is particularly fond of soldiers and sailors, and very punctilious as to the etiquette of the salute. He has been prominent with his brother at the great reviews of the year, and the two Princes passed through the Coronation crowds in their carriage with their hands at the salute all the time. All the royal children are fond of animals, and the two elder Princes are excellent horsemen already. Prince Edward is also a great votary of the bicycle. Prince Albert looks up to his elder brother in a very loyal way, and seems already to recognise that he is an heir to the throne. Princess Victoria is a very bright child, and has most winsome ways but little Prince Henry, who is not yet three years old, still takes life very seriously.

All those persons of whom the United States census authorities make special note in their recently published returns are, apparently, beggarly 120 years or so aplenty, more infants compared with one old-time resident of whose death and burial a shore-ditcher gister has entry. "Buried: Thomas Cain was buried 22nd instant of January, aged 207 years, G one Garrow, parish clerk, 1858." So the legend runs. It must have been a man of this length of life who bemoaning the death of his seventy year old son exclaimed to his wife; "I always said we should never rear that child."

The Strand end of the avenue running through the Holborn will contain the sites of no fewer than three new theatres. The new Gaiety, which is already nearing completion, will stand as one corner. It will be confronted by a playhouse of which Mr. E. G. Saunders, the enterprising manager of the Coronet and the Camden Theatres, will take charge. This is to rise at the junction of the avenue with Catherine-street and facing Waterloo Bridge. Finally, a position has just been acquired on which Mr. W. G. R. Sprague is to build a lordly theatre for Mr. Murray Carson. It occupies the centre of the semi-circle formed by the sweep of the avenue. The site is bigger than that of His Majesty's Theatre, and the interior will approximate in size to that of the Kennington Theatre. Although the question of details has not yet been discussed—the building will not be ready until Christmas 1904—Mr. Carson intends to make at least one innovation. There will be only two circles in the first containing the dress circle and upper boxes, and the second being devoted to the gallery. This theatre is estimated to cost between £70,000 and £80,000. These plans do not interfere in any way with Mr. Carson's joint management with Mr. William Greet of the Adelphi Theatre.

Herr Camillo Windt, chief of the Vienna Identification Office, who introduced into Austria the finger-tip system as a means of identifying criminals which, as many people know, hangs on the permanent character of the so-called papillary lines on the inner side of the hand or fingers, has just delivered a lecture on the subject. The finger tips are lightly touched with a blackened metal plate, and then gently pressed on a sheet of paper.

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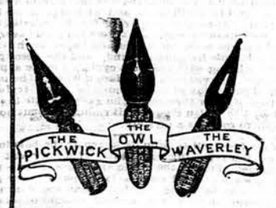

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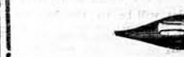

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Added to her abilities for comedy of the bright and bustling order, are such a number of other qualifications for the part she will play at Drury Lane on Boxing Night, that I cannot do more than refer briefly, but it will be admitted appropriately, to the principal ones. Miss Madge Lessing is active, alert, alive, without being fidgety. The stage for her has not been paved with hot bricks and strewn with nettles. She can show the liveliness of a kitten when the mood is required of her, but she knows the value of standing still. As a dancer she is remarkable for her flexibility and grace; as a singer of musical comedy songs, she is well remembered in New York for the success she made with Baby in The Lady Slavey—a song which was introduced to us subsequently by Miss Edna May; as a stage beauty, she can hold her own with the best in Class A, and is on the line in the windows of the photographers. A playgoer who saw Miss Lessing at the New York Casino a few years ago, as referred to her as a pert little grisette in The Mocha of Malabar, with plenty to sing that was pretty and plenty to say that was cheeky; with dances galore and frills no end, and enough electricity to light the town. And this, no doubt, is the impression she will leave upon the minds of all who see her for the first time at Drury Lane on Boxing Night.

Miss Madge Lessing is not an American. It is rather difficult to convince people of this fact when they happen to be people who have heard her voice and noted her accent. But voice and accent cannot change nationality; and where this is concerned, Miss Lessing is no more American than anyone else who has been born in London of English parents. America, however, is more her home than England, for she was quite a tiny girl when she made her first acquaintance with the New York stage (acting and singing very charmingly in La Belle Helene—a very different belle of New York from the one we heard something of when it was in Shaftesbury Avenue); and it was in New York that she lived and worked until she became famous enough in her profession to be engaged by Mr. Arthur Collins for leading lady at Drury Lane. It is interesting to note, finally, that the principal girl of Mother Goose was as near as Christmas to appearing before us as the original Salvation lass of The Belle of New York. The part was offered to her by the presenters of the famous Belle company—indeed, I am not sure that it wasn't specially written for her; but Miss Lessing had another engagement, and one from which she could not release herself, and so Miss Edna May was chosen—with what fortunate result, both to Miss May and to the public, there is no need for me to recall.

An apology to the author of The Unfairy Tale. Must I describe Blue-Bell in Fairyland, for Blue-Bell is in Liverpool, and Liverpool is not Fairyland! Mr. C. St. John Denton and Mr. George Blunt, the lessees and managers of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool, instead of having a pantomime for their Christmas entertainment, are on the eve—the Christmas Eve in fact—of producing that charming little musical play to which reference has been made, and to which a good deal more reference is likely to be made, and in person, by the playgoers of Liverpool. The production of Mr. Seymour Hicks's piece (just one moment to remember that the taking music was composed by Mr. Walter Slaughter), is superintended by the author himself, while the part he created in it is in the hands of his clever young brother, Mr. Stanley Brett, who certainly ought to add to the attractions of his performance that famous ditty by the late Henry S. Leigh beginning:

In form and feature, face and limb,
I grow so like my brother,
That folks go taking me for him,
And each for one another.

I once without knowing it until long after the show, saw Mr. Stanley Brett play his brother's part, Douglas, in Sweet and Twenty, which is a good sign for Blue-Bell.

Miss Mabel Love again falls into the shoes of Miss Elisaline Terriss. She is the Blue-Bell, and will no doubt be as charming in this part as she was in that of Joan in Sweet and Twenty. Since it is so clear that Miss Love was made for such parts as Blue-Bell and Joan—Blue-Bell particularly—it is curious that such parts should not more often be made for Miss Love. Why should this graceful little light-comedy actress and very light dancer ever be called upon to represent the marble character of the Countess in A Marriage of Convenience (as I have seen her represent it with Mr. Lewis Waller), when the soil of the theatrical earth can produce Blue-Bells? There is, I feel convinced, a conspicuous success in store for Miss Mabel Love at the Liverpool Prince of Wales's; and Mr. St. John Denton, who engaged her for this production, is certainly to be congratulated upon his choice.

Mr. C. St. John Denton, the manager in question, is a son of the Rev. Canon Denton, vicar of Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire, and he has for many years carried on (as he carries on now) the business of a very popular dramatic and musical agency in Maiden Lane (at the back of the Adelphi and Vaudeville theatres). Kindness and fairness play no small part in the prosperity of a dramatic agent, and all who have met in business the tall, earnest-looking man who runs the Liverpool Theatre in partnership with Mr. George Blunt, and who, in Maiden Lane, engages talent, as the professional phrase goes, with a courtesy of manner exercised as much in the direction of the humblest chorus girl as towards the biggest prima donna, will have no difficulty in guessing the reason of his prosperity, or that of the respect in which he is universally held. The Liverpool Prince of Wales's Theatre is in excellent hands, and cannot fail to prosper as a high-class comedy house. Before it was taken over by, generally speaking, a son of the Church, the Prince of Wales's was conducted by a son of the Army—to wit, Captain Wombwell, brother of Sir George Wombwell, the only officer now living who rode in the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava.

One of the Water Babies at the Garrick Theatre—the First Water Babe, in fact, to speak by the programme—is Miss Mary Collette. This clever little lady comes from an exceptionally good theatrical stock. Her father is Mr. Charles Collette, the popular comedian, while her mother, Blanche Wilton, the youngest sister of Lady Bancroft) was a successful soubrette actress, and played with distinction all her gifted sister's parts; so that if there is anything in artistic heredity, Miss Collette is having a high branch reserved for her on the professional tree. The First Water Babe of Mr. Rutland Barrington's clever adaptation of Charles Kingsley's famous book served under the Kendals, Tom Thorne, Mrs. Beringer, and George Edwardes, and has done a lot of sound and useful work. At Daly's Miss Collette was in the original casts, and through the runs of The Geisha and San Toy; and she left that theatre, where she had a part in the Country Girl, to enlist under the banner of Mr. Arthur Bourchier, out of whose enterprise has sprung the public's opportunity of worshipping Water Babies in stage form. As an authoress, Miss Mary Collette is responsible for Cousins' Courtship, a clever comedietta in which she acted at the Lyric and Shaftesbury Theatres. She is also a capital banjo player a good pianist, and a cultivated vocalist, and in the last capacity has appeared with gratifying success at Mr. Newman's concerts at Queen's Hall. The sports of the road have had some share of her attention, too, for Miss Collette is an excellent horsewoman and cyclist and can handle the ribbons with confidence even in the puffing and palpitating vicinity of a motor-car.

And Miss Mary Collette, it should be added, is a practical dramatic critic, having begun in this original line at the age of seven, when she was travelling from town to town on a starring tour (her father being the star) with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collette. One evening, in a certain place where Mr. Collette was billed to appear positively, little Mary was taken by her mother to see the play at the opposition theatre. This she critically sat through with a puckered brow and a slightly tilted mouth, a combination of expression fearsomely indicative of the lofty standpoint of criticism; and when the child got home, and was asked by her father at supper what she thought of the performance, she replied that it seemed to her extremely dull and excessively vulgar. And how did the rest of the audience seem to like it? asked Mr. Collette. Well, you see, said the First Water Babe, they were so few that I think they were afraid to hiss!

No one could possibly be a child of Mr Charles Collette without being something of a "jokist." The desire or the inclination to pun flows freely and naturally in the Collette blood, and at times will not be denied, in spite of the earnest interventions of a better nature. Dick Barker, the stage-manager at Daly's than whom a kinder-hearted man does not exist can be professionally severe when occasion calls for the disposition—that is to say, when ladies at rehearsal get together and chatter about dress instead of attending to their business; and one afternoon, after Mr. Barker had been measured up by the girls as a little bit short in the temper, a certain member of the company (probably the chatterer-in-chief) said to Miss Mary Collette, in a voice much congested with hurriedly-made hysteria, that Mr. B. was too awfully disagreeable for anything, that he had completely upset her, and that she wasn't going to stand it—with a lot more of the usual rehearsal-dialogue. Oh, don't worry, dear, Miss Collette was heard to reply soothingly, he doesn't mean half he says; his Barker's worse than his bite!

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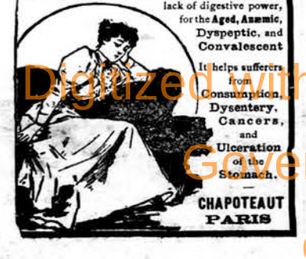

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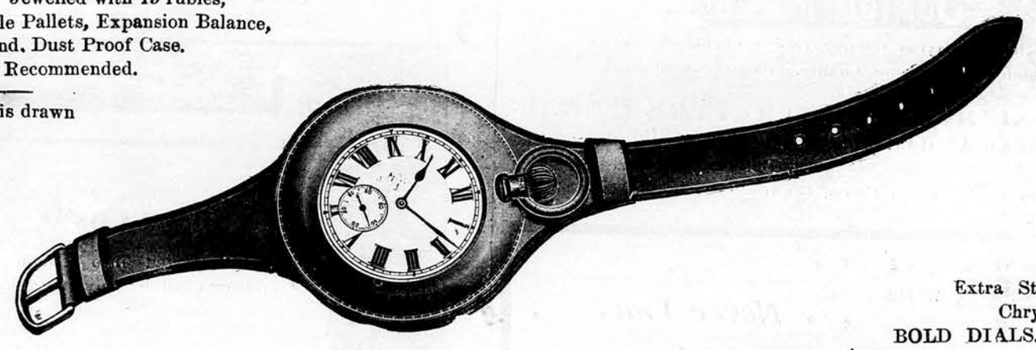

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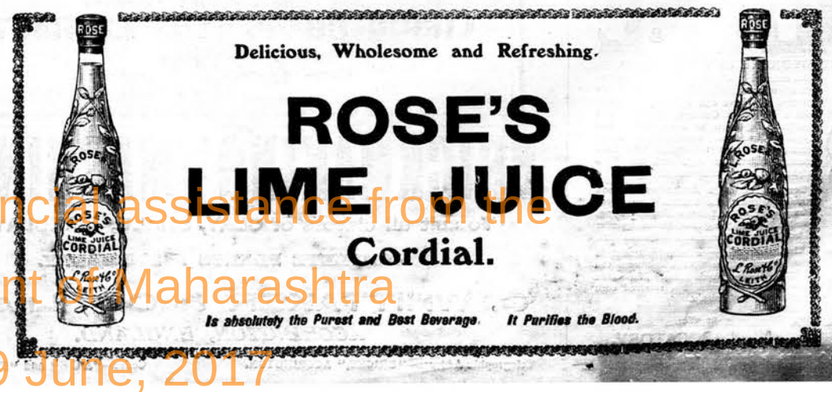

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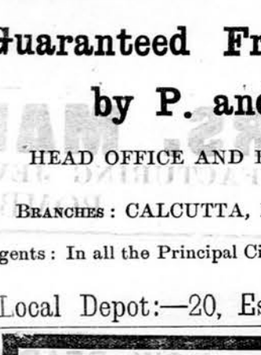

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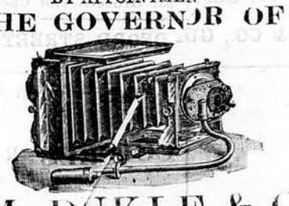

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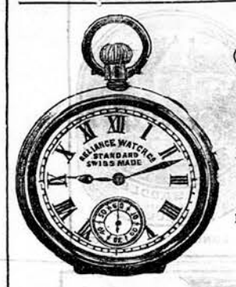

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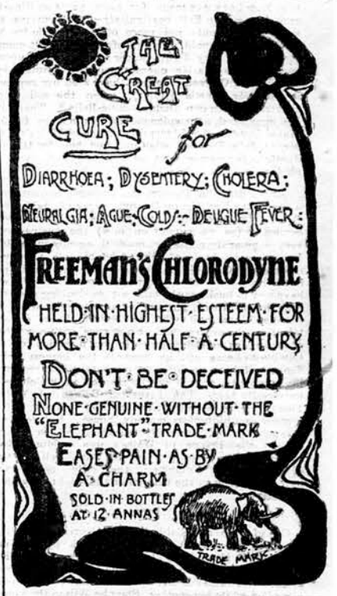
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